

The Weather  
Oakland, vicinity,  
Santa Clara, Sacra-  
mento and San  
Joquima Valleys—  
Threatening, with  
rain tonight and  
Friday; moderate  
easterly wind.

## OPPOSITION GROWING TO ANNEXATION PLAN

# S. F. DEBT PROBLEM IS MOTIVE FOR EXPANSION

Interest on Bonds Increased  
From \$152,524 in 10 Years  
to \$2,101,317, or More Than  
1000%; Dilemma Is Faced

### EAST BAY CITIES TO FIGHT ABSORPTION

Future of Continental Side of  
S. F. Bay Must Not Be  
Placed in Jeopardy, Declares  
Leaders in Big Development

Aroused to a spontaneous expression of civic pride by the renewed proposal for annexation advanced by San Francisco, the citizens of Oakland and the east bay cities are preparing to show the proponents of the plan and the state at large that this city is determined to preserve its identity as one of the leading commercial and industrial centers of the United States. Opposition to the scheme is developing from day to day to a tide of public opinion that will prove irresistible.

For the crystallization of this opinion in a formal statement of the will of the people, plans are being made for a great mass meeting to be held next week. A committee is being selected by President Joseph H. King of the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate the trend of feeling from organizations and individual citizens and prepare for a concerted resistance to the suggestion of annexation.

Wide publicity to inform the various interested communities of California, of the opposition of Oakland business men, commercial factors and financial heads to the proposed annexation to the suggested annexation plan of San Francisco, was started today by the Chamber of Commerce.

**CAMPAIN OF STATE.**

The plans outlined for this purpose include a comprehensive campaign to place in the hands of the bulk of the voters of the state, through commercial organizations, chambers of commerce and industrial bodies, an expression of this spirit of opposition. The idea is to correct the impression which may go out from San Francisco, that the unification idea was meeting with approval on the east-bay section of the state.

In addition to the publicity campaign, personal letters are being written to every senator and member of the State Legislature, outlining Oakland's opposition to the proposed annexation and giving reasons why efforts should not be made at the next session of the legislative body to set on foot activities which might result in a constitutional amendment making the annexation a possibility.

Managing Director Joseph B. Caine in discussing the scope of this campaign said:

"We want California, from one end to the other, to recognize Oakland as a separate entity. We are not for consolidation, we have never been. I do not think it will ever be. The only way the outset, we will lead the coast commercially and industrially. We do not intend to have political manipulation extinguish the torch which light the gateway to the Orient for the whole commercial world."

### DEBT GROWING.

More significant figures relative to the financial condition of the east bay cities would be compelled to assume in the event of annexation by San Francisco are being pointed out by those most active in combating the proposed plan. The report of the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York, issued for the Board of San Francisco after an exhaustive survey of the city. The following figures show the increasing interest which San Francisco has been paying on its bonded indebtedness:

1906-07	152,524.00
1907-08	143,325.00
1908-09	209,735.00
1909-10	638,531.50
1910-11	788,115.75
1911-12	897,225.00
1912-13	1,161,131.00
1913-14	1,691,189.50
1914-15	1,968,221.00
1915-16	1,974,392.75
1916-17	2,101,317.00

The cost of debt service, says the report, during 1916-17, which includes interest charges and bond redemptions, is about 20 percent of the city's entire budget appropriation.

### S. F. FACED PROBLEM.

With this steadily increasing burden of debt, the city faces a dilemma. Financialers point out that San Francisco has reached the limit of her bonding power under the State constitution, and that she must either acquire more territory with a considerable increment of assessed valuations or give up the bonding idea, as New York City has done, and levy a direct tax yearly on the values for the purpose of meeting the extraordinary expenditures for improvements. In either event the burden would be more widely distributed. If Oakland and other communities were annexed.

At the regular weekly meeting of the manufacturers' committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday.

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### Attack Annexation

### District Clubs Against

Improvement club officials and leaders in the activities of semi-civic organizations are opposed to the plan of San Francisco to annex the east bay cities. Following are some of the opinions expressed today:

By E. L. VANDER NAILLEN,  
President Alden Library and Improvement Club.

I believe that the question of the annexation of the east bay cities by San Francisco is such an important one that it should be given a most thorough investigation and consideration. The great interest of every city around the bay is to make San Francisco Bay one of the leading harbors of the world. The development of the natural advantages of the waterfront is really a matter for national attention.

It seems to me, however, that co-operation between the different cities is the best manner in which to accomplish what we all wish to bring about. If this annexation project is a mere selfish move for aggrandizement on the part of San Francisco, it should be combated.

By MRS. SARAH C. BORLAND.

Oakland Civic Center.

This movement for annexation of the east bay cities on the part of San Francisco is a most reprehensible instance of unenlightened selfishness. I had hoped that the defeat administered two years ago would definitely put an end to such plans for the extinction of neighboring municipalities.

There is no reason why each side of the bay should not have its separate metropolises, Minneapolis and St. Paul contrive to agree amicably in their close proximity and each maintains its individuality. Annexation would mean the absolute extinction of Oakland. The name would cling for a time to the Borough, but it would soon be forgotten. Whoever hears of Brooklyn since it became a part of Greater New York?

There was a time years ago when Oakland was "a bedchamber for San Francisco." But that time has long passed. Oakland has assumed a definite individuality and was beginning to take her place among the cities of the state before the San Francisco fire of 1906. Since that time, Oakland has made steady progress towards the attainment of such tremendous strides that the city across the bay is casting jealous eyes and covetous hands towards our commercial and industrial advantages. We must make a concerted fight against this aggressive policy.

### By DOWNTOWN PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Resolutions condemning the annexation proposal were adopted by the Downtown Property Owners' Association at its meeting last night, as follows:

Whereas, An effort is being made by San Francisco to foist upon the people of California legislation designed to make possible annexation of the east bay cities to San Francisco despite opposition of the east bay voters.

Property Owners' Association strenuously opposes such proposed legislation as manifestly unjust, and, believing that any form of government which annexation with San Francisco in the immediate future would be unwise and untimely and of no advantage to Oakland, this organization hereby expresses its support to organized opposition to the annexation project.

By E. K. STROBRIDGE,  
Former State Senator.

This program of annexation is an old one. We first came in contact with it in the legislature in 1905. I am against it and always have been. Until the spirit of co-operation is more manifest between San Francisco and the east bay communities I don't think it is a good proposition for us. We have everything to lose and nothing to gain that I can see.

By E. W. WOODWARD,  
President Steinhay Terrace Improvement Club.

I have studied the annexation idea from all points of view, during the campaign which San Francisco has waged before, and I have never been able to find a cogent reason in favor of the project. Oakland has reached a point in its development as a metropolis that places it indisputably in the rank of great cities, and to give up this achievement and abandon individuality would be a move unsupportable by any means.

Oakland is not a territory that can be considered contiguous to San Francisco. With eight miles of water separating us from that city, it would be most absurd to contemplate annexation. Physically, commercially and industrially Oakland is an entity without any relation to San Francisco—save that of a friendly rival.

By MRS. A. C. CHRISTENSEN,  
President of Melrose Civic Center.

Oakland does not need the guiding hand of San Francisco to be led into greatness. The city has attained a size and importance self-sustaining and its destiny is manifest as any forward-looking citizen can see.

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FOR YOU

In the "For Sale" and "Wanted" Columns of Today's Tribune.

## \$60,000,000 MADE ON WAR

### 'TIP' CHARGE

"Inside Information" on Wilson's Peace Note Netted Big Profit to Speculators, Says Lawson to U. S. Legislator

Sensational Allegation in His Message to Representative Wood; Can Be Found at Any Time, Further Says Accuser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall Street by those having advance information on President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas W. Lawson, by Representative Wood of Indiana. The telegram follows:

New York, Dec. 27.

Just read today's New York papers. You and Chairman Henry unable to locate me, really. Framed over my desk is an envelope inscribed "To Thomas W. Lawson." No other address. To settle a wager, it was mailed in an interior town in China and landed at my office in record short time. If you and Chairman Henry wish to communicate with me, toss a postcard from any window in the capitol addressed "Thomas W. Lawson," or "T. W. L., Boston," and you will receive answer by return mail.

Take a tip from one who has played the big Washington-Wall Street game and the big international public game long before you were distinguished by a stock exchange and a Congressional hall—spend less time on last week and more time on this week's leak. The leak would inundate both Wall Street and Washington.

There were only sixty odd million hogs headed from last week's this week's may run into billions. For each tip, too, is meant in the best of spirit—if you actually believed in Washington there was to be a real investigation of last week's leaks there would not be a quarrel in either the Senate or House next Monday and there would be a shifting of bank accounts similar to those in the good old sugar investigation days.

Resolved, that I will send a post card from you or Chairman Henry, rest easy in the knowledge I will answer your public talking as reported by the press and that when you direct my answer you will know more about Washington-Wall Street, stock, gambling leaks than before you began trying to locate "Thomas W. Lawson of Boston."

Wood said that at no time has he stated he could not locate Lawson or get in touch with him. He says he has taken it for granted when the proper time comes there will be trouble in reaching Lawson and getting a full statement from him on what he knows concerning leaks connected with the President's peace note.

### WARRANTS PROBE.

Wood stated further the reflection cast by Lawson's telegram "upon every member of the House and Senate" was sufficient to warrant the fullest investigation of all the matters involved in his resolution and that the Senate and House out of self-respect for such investigation must insist on such a probe.

Wood said that if the editorials appearing in newspapers of the country are any reflection of public opinion, the public itself will insist on the fullest investigation, not only for the purpose of ferreting out those who are responsible for the advance information received by Wall Street, but to prevent a recurrence of such a scandal.

### Conference Of Railroad Men Is Ended

Brotherhoods Insist on Settlement Being Made Under Adamson Act.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Resumption of conferences here today between representatives of the railroads and the employees of brotherhoods was quickly terminated. The conference had been in session less than two hours when an adjournment was taken and no announcement made as to whether future meetings would be held.

It was learned, however, that the roads suggested that the dispute between them over the application of the Adamson act if upheld by the supreme court be settled on the basis of the switchman award, which their managers held gave the switchmen on the road involved nine hours' pay for eight hours of work.

Representatives of the brotherhoods, it was asserted, declined to accept a settlement on such a basis. They are declared to have pointed insistently to the Adamson act and to have demanded that an agreement be reached under the act. Such a settlement, they held, would grant them ten hours' pay for eight hours' work.

It was understood that during the conference today the brotherhoods suggested the creation of a federal commission, representing both sides, which would consider and settle arbitrarily all future disputes regardless of whether the Adamson act was declared constitutional. The proposal was not given consideration, however. It was stated, in view of the failure of the conference to agree on how the act ought to be worked out.

The railroad managers will continue their individual conferences here it was stated. The plans of the brotherhoods were not announced.

## MAY INVEST MILLIONS IN 'DUST' PLANT

Chas. Butters, Wealthy Oakland Man, Defends Aluminum Factory Here; He Has Spent \$150,000 in Problem

Council Refers Protest to the Chief; No Danger From Explosion, Claim; Industry to Mean Much to Oakland

Pleading the cause of scientific investigation which, he claimed, has become world-wide in importance and has brought fame to Oaklanders in all parts of the globe, Millionaire Charles Butters of Cleveland appeared before the City Council today in defense of the operation of his aluminum dust plant in Chabot road, within the residential limits of the city.

Protests against the operation of the plant, in which there have been three explosions within the last year, were backed up by Charles F. Craig, president of the Vernon-Rockledge Improvement Club, it was noted that the residents in the immediate vicinity of the Butters property are terrified and are fearful that a repetition of the explosions may at any time threaten their lives and homes.

REFERRED TO CHIEF.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, the matter was referred to Chief of Police Petersen, who is to investigate further and to make a formal report to the council.

Butters, in a statement to the council, sought to make clear that the aluminum dust is not an explosive but that, as in the manufacture of any product involving the formation of dust, an explosion may occur where the dust is confined. His engineers are now, he said, profiting by the most recent explosion in remedying the process, so that another explosion hardly will be possible.

That his plant is yet in its experimental stages, although it has developed from a five-pound a day capacity to the turning out of 4000 pounds of the dust; that he employs forty men, and has expended more than \$150,000 in experiments during the last five years, and that a great manufacturing industry may be a realization for Oakland in the near future, were some of the reasons given by Butters in defense of the plant.

### MILLIONS INVESTED.

He said that one of his former workmen, an Oakland youth, is now engaged in the establishing of a \$38,000,000 plant in England; that he had worked out a solution of a process for extracting nitrate of soda which will revolutionize the industry and that a \$1,000,000 plant will soon be erected in Chile.

Also, he said, his plant is the only one in this country, outside of the Edison laboratories at Orange, N. J., which is actually employed in working out chemical processes for commercialization. The only thing lacking in this country to make it foremost in manufacture in all lines is technical skill, he declared, and in this, he asserted, his plant is more advanced than a university, in educating young men along the lines of endeavor.

Chief of Police Petersen will again go over the plant with Fire Chief Elliott Whitehead and draw up a formal report for the Council.

### 'Brains' of Ring Of Bootleggers Involves Pals

Man Indicted in Seattle for the Sale of Liquor Makes Confession.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Logan Billingsley, the "brains" of the gigantic bootlegging ring in Seattle, today completed his confession, begun yesterday afternoon, to Clay Allen, United States district attorney.

The confession, according to the prosecutor, not only involves Billingsley, his two brothers and a San Francisco company, but also a number of officials here. Billingsley talked freely and of his own volition, Allen said. To what extent he has involved others, I cannot disclose at this time.

Billingsley is under several Federal indictments for violations of interstate act against liquor shipments in "dry" territory.

It was reported that he may have decided to induce his brothers, Fred and Ora, jointly indicted with him, but who have thus far evaded arrest, to surrender themselves.

### New Factory to Be Started, Announced

Word of the establishment of another new factory in the east bay district was received today by the Chamber of Commerce, in the notification of the proposed erection of a big plant in Emeryville adjoining the Judson Iron Works' plant by the Swift Tank and Nail Company.

## CUPID ROUTED BY POLITICS? ASQUITH ROMANCE MYSTERY ENGAGEMENT IS NOW DENIED



MISS ELIZABETH ASQUITH, THE ENGAGEMENT OF WHOM TO CALIFORNIA MAN HAS BEEN DENIED BY FORMER PREMIER OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### Californian Not to Claim Ex-Premier's Daughter as Bride, Is News

Whether international politics have had their effect in blighting an interesting Anglo-American romance has been a matter of whispered conjecture since the time last night when the former Premier Asquith, in a statement issued at the American embassy in London, announced that Miss Elizabeth Asquith was engaged to be married.

This announcement sensationally capped the reports made on Tuesday by several London newspapers of the approaching nuptials of Miss Asquith and Hugh S. Gibson of California, secretary of the American embassy in London and one of the coming men, is considered, of the diplomatic service of this country. It was more of a surprise since, it is said, the engagement has been expected by those watching affairs in English diplomatic circles.

Hugh Gibson is the son of Mrs. Frank A. Gibson of Los Angeles, one of the best known women in club work in the state. Mrs. Gibson, while kept closely in touch with her son's movements abroad, had noticed frequently in his letters that he spoke of Miss Asquith's presence at the diplomatic functions and banquets he attended, but had received no further intimation of a romance.

Other than to display a great interest in the English girl, my son had never said anything in his letters that would lead me to positive an engagement existed," she said, on hearing that the engagement had been announced. This interest, the matter was great a mystery as ever until the foreign mail comes.

### NOTABLE RECORD.

The young secretary, who is just 33 years old, has been in the diplomatic service eight years, having received his first appointment in 1908 under President Roosevelt. At that time he was sent to Honduras in Central America, as a secretary to the American legation. Little more than a year later he was made the second secretary of the American embassy in London and was presented at court shortly before the death of King Edward. After another year as Huntington Wilson's secretary in Washington, he served in Havana as first secretary of the legation and then followed that with two years in Brussels under Brand Whitlock.

It was in Brussels that he came to the greater attention of the public, because there he appeared to the German authorities on behalf of Edith Cavell, who was shot while he was in the city. He was also in London to save the young Englishwoman, Ambassador Page next sent for him to come to London to re-organize the embassy department there.

Gibson is one of the two Americans graduating from L'Ecole des Sciences Politiques, a French college for post-graduate work and diplomatic work, the other being Dr. Ellery Cory Stowell of Columbia University's faculty.

MISS ASQUITH GIFTED.

Miss Asquith, as well as being a member of a most distinguished family, is one of the really gifted young women of London society especially in a dramatic way. She has not only appeared in theatrical benefit performances frequently since the war began with noted players, but she has had the honor of having a playlet written for her by Sir James Barrie. One of her plays was her own work.

## CRANK MAY BE BACK OF HUTCHINSON EXPLOSION

Detonation at Residence of Wealthy Oakland Citizen at 274 19th Street Is Mystery; Little Explosive Was Used

Chinese Cook Alone in Fashionable House, Escapes Injury; Lettars Demanding Money Had Been Sent Out

DETECTIVES OFF JOB AS DYNAMITE BOMB IS SET

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DEBT MOTIVES ANNEXATION S. F. READY TO PASS ON BIG BURDEN

East Bay Cities Prepared to Fight Absorption; Future of Commerce and Industry Is Jeopardized, Leaders Say

Interest on Bonds Increased From \$152,524 in 10 Years to \$2,101,317, or More Than 1000%; Dilemma Faced

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terday in the Hotel Oakland, the members of the organization unanimously refused to endorse or speak favorably on the San Francisco proposition for annexation. This informal vote against the move followed an address by Joseph H. King, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he urged united opposition to the move, King said.

Every time San Francisco imports an expert to find out what is wrong with it, it starts a flurry about annexation. In 1910 Blon. J. Arnold said development would be on the east shore, after studying the San Francisco transportation conditions. They went after us then. Then they came with more experts, and started out a program of street car, civic and lighting system development. Now they have raised their bonded indebtedness 1,100 percent in ten years, increased the tax rate and forced the assessed valuation of property. Now again they are picking on the east bay because they need the taxable property we have over here.

REALIZE DANGER. We don't know how far San Francisco will go in this fight. Some leaders over there think the situation is desperate, which means that they probably will go the limit. We must get together on this thing, and do it quickly. We have the city with the biggest industrial future on the coast. The great city of the future is the one that can supply the best facilities for commerce and industry at the lowest possible price. This we can do and San Francisco is afraid of us. If C. Capwell, who is in this fight, declared that San Francisco was trying to "seduce" Oakland into an unholy commercial and political alliance to the disadvantage of local interests. He said:

San Francisco has hooked everything hookable. Now she has gone into the peddling business—peddling annexation. If this city doesn't like the idea of seeing Mayor Rolph sitting in our City Hall it must get action. This consolidation looks like a race for population between Los Angeles and San Francisco. I will give it a fight if San Francisco will annex down the peninsula and Los Angeles up the coast until they meet, and then shake hands and shut up, if they leave us out of the mess.

UNITE HERE FIRST. San Franciscans say they put the "O. K." in Oakland. Well, we are going to put another O. K. in Oakland, but we are going to spell it "SOAK" and "soak" this consolidation proposition good and hard. This first work is to consolidate our different factions on this side of the bay for the fight we have on our hands. Harrison S. Robinson, former head of the Civil Service Board, declared San Francisco was "unhappily situated" in a political way. He said: San Francisco's disabilities would be greater on the east bay district. If the San Francisco situation is as bad as it appears, let's get something good out of it for Alameda county. We should make plain to the public in an emphatic way our objections and resistance to this proposition of San Francisco's.

Councilwoman to Ask Curfew Act Be Invoked

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Councilwoman Lindsey, in behalf of the child welfare committee, will ask the council to re-enact the curfew act here.

Oakland Has the Sole Say As to Merger With San Francisco

(San Francisco Bulletin, December 27)

Whatever might be the advantages of consolidation between San Francisco and Oakland there would be no advantage that could at all outweigh the disadvantage that would exist if Oakland were dissatisfied with the arrangement.

Nobody with any sane regard for the future could wish for a moment to carry out a plan whereby Oakland, against the preference of her own citizenship, would be deprived of her identity. Even the most eager proponents of consolidation must pause at such a prospect. For San Francisco to acquire a larger population and a higher rating in the census might be very pleasing; it might also have certain business advantages. But there would be a far more decided business disadvantage, if Oakland's rights were to be disregarded. In so acquiring these added residents, San Francisco would in fact alienate them.

Consolidation between Oakland and San Francisco is strictly a matter that is up to Oakland. San Francisco in this matter can only propose, argue and urge; San Francisco cannot and ought not to compel. Nor have the voters of interior California, or Southern California, or any other section of California, any interest comparable to Oakland's interest. Even San Francisco herself is not so vitally involved as Oakland.

Oakland, apparently, does not at present want to come into the San Francisco fold. That may be regrettable; but it is Oakland's right. If the State, as a whole, by some law yet unpassed, were to vote her in, Oakland would be justly disgruntled. Unity between the two large bay cities would be not helped. And, after all, question is one of unity.

Oakland, it seems, has a conviction that she wants to remain a city. She wants to unite all Alameda county under a city-county government system. In this matter her position is exactly similar to the position of San Francisco on transbay consolidation. Here again it is not the province of the larger city to compel the smaller one. And here again it is the privilege of the smaller city to refuse the invitation of the larger. So it must, always, be. The smaller city has the say.

As to the census statistics which set forth that Los Angeles is now the largest city on the Pacific Coast and that San Francisco is in second place—they need not be considered as particularly disquieting.

No juggling with boundary lines can make a dozen good-sized villages into a de facto city.

San Francisco as compared with Los Angeles has the big harbor, the big-city tradition, the big-city institutions, the big-city men and the big-city spirit. What is more, San Francisco and its region still has the bulk of the population. This excess of population is the one point that can be made in a population argument. It would not be affected one way or the other by centralization of municipal governments. And it is a condition not likely soon to be altered.

GERMANY MAY TELL TERMS TO WIN PEACE

Central Powers Would, in Confidence, Detail Offer to Keep "Door Open"

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal to entertain belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the entente powers would base a refusal on such a condition.

The Central Powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson, should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States or soon would be.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived today and it was declared no confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it. There is indication that a confidential statement of Germany's position, if made, would come through the ambassador. It has been announced in advance, however, that it would not be made public, and it is likely that even its receipt would not be admitted.

HERE IS NEED. Germany, it is added today, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference, and to that end is ready to consider any suggestions from the President. As the peace stands now, the German government considers it has met all the President's proposals, according to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Germany, it is authoritatively stated, never has believed that, acting alone, she would be able to bring about a conference. Now that the influence of neutrals has been brought to bear for one, the German officials have taken their view a step farther and believe they cannot be successful without assistance of the United States. They believe that the United States, in view of its vital interest in the ending of the war, would not be adverse to participating, because it has been represented as desiring most of all to see the peace terms make provision for the future security of the world. Without participation by the United States in that phase, it is felt the results would be without effect.

ROUND TABLE WANTED. There were intimations today that Germany's position on these points had been conveyed by Foreign Minister Zimmermann to Ambassador Gerard at their recent conference and that Germany's terms probably were contained in the highest confidence for the information of President Wilson. It was said today that Germany had no intention of asking the entente to make public its terms and at the same time to let public divulge her own under any consideration. The view expressed in German circles here is that the Teutonic terms when laid before the entente delegates will be as an admission of their acceptance.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, reiterated again today that he felt a conference would result from the present situation and he considered it in a light of optimism. Germany's position is represented as one of willingness to impart her terms in a confidential manner first, if that is absolutely necessary to a conference, but still prefers to reserve them for presentation at a round table where they could be discussed with more freedom.

BY UNITED PRESS. MAY INVOLVE U. S. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The fear that if present peace negotiations fail this nation then must slide into the submarine situation with Germany grew apace today.

There is now no mistaking, officials believe, that President Wilson's peace notes to belligerents and the two subsequent "explanations" by Secretary Lansing, in effect, constituted a warning against any unbridled acts of war that would involve American lives or rights.

One authority, however, repeated that there will be no more note writing to Germany; and he indicated that if Germany "cuts loose" with her submarines, following the failure of the peace negotiations, a bare must inevitably come in keeping with the American Sussex note threat.

Best information today was that President Wilson will desire to have the national legislature in session if there is any indication between now and the time of the close of the present Congress that peace is possible.

Otherwise, it was stated, the administration feels the force of neutrality might be embarrassed by the continuance of the session, with the possibilities of debates or measures being injected into the situation which might be disturbing to America's delicate adjustment in international affairs.

ENTENTE REPLY READY. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Despatch of the allies' reply to Germany's peace proposals is imminent.

Information today indicated that the phraseology of the identical notes to be sent by all the entente nations had practically been settled upon.

From authoritative sources it is learned that the allied notes will contain:

A rejection of a peace based on German-made plans.

A vigorous worded summary of the principles for which the allies contend they are fighting—to remove the menace of militarism, of might over right, of the rule of force over international law.

Probably the allies will make still clearer their aims and purposes by a recital of the "crimes" for which they propose to hold Germany responsible.

REPLY TO SWISS. AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—Germany and Austria have replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions with practically the same phrases in which they acknowledged the American note, despatches from Germany said today.

In addition, it was said, the reply declared that Swiss collaboration in the securing of world peace was most agreeable to the peoples of the central powers and Bulgaria.

Sues Daughter for Return of Grandson Mrs. Lillian Gugeller, formerly Mrs. Thomas Dunne, was cited to appear before Superior Judge Murasky in San Francisco on January 15 with her 8-year-old son to explain why she has not returned the boy to the custody of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kreeck of Oakland. Mrs. Kreeck obtained the citation this morning. She was awarded custody of the lad when Mrs. Gugeller obtained a divorce from her first husband in 1911. On December 2, it is claimed, Mrs. Gugeller took the child from a school in East Oakland and took him to San Francisco. On the day she obtained a license to marry Gugeller she was located by the police, but she managed to keep the control of her child.

TROOPS AT BORDER FIRE UPON REBELS

Kentucky Guards Exchange Fusillade Over Rio Grande When Night Attack Occurs; Villistas Are Driven to Cover

Carranza Government Rushes Men and Supplies to Halt the Drives Upon Saltillo and Monterey; Revolt Is Growing

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico west of here early today by members of the Kentucky National Guard, whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. The spirit was the American fire that residents of the district thought a machine gun was being used. This was denied by the Kentucky officers. There were no known casualties.

Captain E. W. Clarke, in command of Company L, Third Kentucky Infantry, which did the firing, affirmed that he not only heard shots and saw flashes on the Mexican side, but also saw the Mexicans with the headlight of a street car crossing a bridge lighted the bed of the river below. He said:

About four shots were fired at our detached post when one of the men struck a match to light a cigarette. The detachment had fired about fifteen shots when we joined in.

I saw out several men afoot and on horse running up the river gorge. Firing seemed to come from several other points. We kept up our fire until we were sure the Mexicans were driven well out. Several hundred shots were fired by us.

TO ATTACK CHIHUAHUA. Francisco Villa's forces are preparing to attack Chihuahua City and Juarez simultaneously in an effort to establish railroad traffic between the border and Torreon, it was said today by a man known to be close to Villa.

A Mexican refugee who arrived here today from Torreon also affirmed that Villa was preparing to move north with a column of approximately 5,000 men in order to attack Chihuahua City.

Every enemy of the Carranza government directed toward rushing troops to Saltillo and Monterey to head off the advance of Villa's bandit army upon these cities and Tampico, according to reports reaching United States authorities here. General Benjamin Hill, commander in the federal district around Mexico City, is reported preparing to start north with troop trains to take charge of the campaign against Villa.

Fighting at Monterrey, a short distance below Juarez, is reported.

Improvement Clubs Strongly Opposed to Annexation Plan

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entity. It is unfortunate that the annexation project must have to be fought again, but we defeated it once and it can be done again.

The organization of which I am an officer is of one mind on this important matter, and we will be aligned as active workers if the necessity arises.

By J. A. LONG, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Oakland.

I cannot see any advantage for east bay cities if they are annexed to San Francisco. The advantage industrially of the cities on the mainland is much greater in proportion to the population than the advantage on the peninsula. For that reason I am not in favor of San Francisco's proposal to annex Oakland.

By E. J. GARRARD, Mayor of Richmond.

The east bay cities of Alameda county should consolidate as one. The matter of Oakland joining with San Francisco could be for a generation and then be considered. The advantage of the mainland cities within that time would about decide which is to be the largest city of the two. As far as Richmond is concerned here would be nothing gained by Oakland's annexation to San Francisco.

By JOSEPH BROOKS, Superintendent of the Standard Oil Company, Richmond.

Richmond needs but to look out for herself and not be gathered in by the rest of the cities. Personally I have not given the matter much consideration.

Scottish Rite Host at Children's Party

The annual Christmas celebration, given by the Oakland Scottish Rite lodge, for the children of the members, was held last night at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 133 Madison street. A Christmas tree, a tableaux entertainment, and a trip to Santa Claus' Home, and music comprised the features of the evening's program. More than 200 children were present and received gifts from the big Christmas tree. The attendance was more than 500 persons. The celebration was in charge of the following committee: O. Riehl (chairman), Benjamin C. Hill and Frank Rittigstein.

Venire of 200 Drawn for Trial for Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—A special venire of 200 jurors was drawn from the panel this morning in Superior Judge Franklin Griffin's court for the trial of Thomas Mooney, labor leader, accused of murder in connection with the preparedness parade bomb outrage. The trial will begin January 3, and Attorney Burke Cockran is now en route from New York to act as chief counsel for the defense.

Caplan Gets 10 Years; Is Maximum Penalty

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Denying the motion for a new trial for David Caplan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1910, Superior Judge Willis sentenced Caplan to ten years' imprisonment today.

This is the maximum penalty.

Guyenemer, Aviator, Wings 25th German

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Sub-Lieutenant Guyenemer, France's premier aviator, has brought down his twenty-fifth German aeroplane, today's official statement asserted. The report detailed considerable aerial activity on the western front with aerial bombing expeditions on Rompbach, Dillien, Brley and Hagondange. Two French dirigibles, it was said, bombed targets at Neuskirchen.

Sinks 138 Ships; Gets German Honor Award

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—Submarine Commander Valentiner of the German navy has been decorated with the Order Pour le Merite for his exploits in sinking 138 ships, with a total of 232,000 tons, according to Berlin despatches received here today.

Food Demonstrations Are Many in Austria

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Daily food demonstrations in the chief cities of Austria-Hungary, great misery, with hundreds of suicides during December, were reported in Exchange Telegraph despatches from Geneva today.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take a quart of water and add a pinch of salt. Boil for five minutes. Strain and add a pinch of sugar. Drink at once. This is a sure cure for a cold. It is a secret of the East. It is a secret of the West. It is a secret of the North. It is a secret of the South. It is a secret of the East. It is a secret of the West. It is a secret of the North. It is a secret of the South.

50 Survivors of Steamer Landed

Two Americans on List of Sankaku Maru

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—Fifty survivors of the passengers and crew of the steamer Sankaku Maru, which was wrecked off Chefoo, landed safely, according to a despatch from that city received today. The survivors include two American passengers.

A few Chinese passengers escaped by boats to Dairen before the other passengers left the Sankaku.

The fate of the remainder of the 400 passengers and crew who were aboard the Sankaku when she went aground is not made clear by the despatches. It is feared, however, that many may have frozen to death.

First despatches yesterday stated that there were 400 passengers and crew aboard the Sankaku, when she went ashore. Today's advices account for only fifty American and Japanese and "a few Chinese passengers." This would leave the unaccounted for approximately 350. Despatches from Tokio do not indicate clearly the probable fate of these, except to express the ominous fear that many may have frozen to death.

LOUIS LEVY IS CALLED BY DEATH

Noted California Merchant Succumbs to Heart Attack.

Following a sudden heart attack, Louis Levy, retired merchant and widely known Mason of Central California, succumbed this morning at his home, 580 Thirty-third street. Masonic rites will be held for him tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Twelfth and Washington streets Temple. Interment will follow.

For many years Levy conducted a chain of stores throughout the State, known as the Red Front establishments. Following the fire in 1908, he retired from active business, and had lived for the past ten years in Oakland. He had business connections in Woodland, Colton, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Santa Ana and San Francisco.

Born 57 years ago in London, he came to this country while in his teens and settled in California. He has been a resident of the State for the past forty years. Surviving him are a widow, Mrs. Anne Levy, and a son, Morse Levy. He was a member of the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite in Masonry and had affiliations with Islam Temple of the Shrine.

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**Coats NOW as low as**

\$7.50 \$9.95 \$12.75 \$14.95

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\$7.95 \$9.95 \$12.95 \$14.75

Serge Dresses—Silk Dresses for street and evening wear.

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On account of enormous reductions no exchanges—no refunds—no approvals.

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**SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY**

TENDERLOIN or FILLET OF SOLE 14c Per Lb.

SMALL SOLE, per lb. 5c Fresh Boiled LOBSTERS—Each 20c

SANDABS, per lb. 7 1/2c Extra Large Eastern OYSTERS—Per dozen 30c

Fresh Boiled Deep Sea CRABS—Each 25c and 30c

California OYSTERS—Per 100 50c

PLEASE NOTE: Our Blue Ribbon Beef which was on display for Christmas will be ON SALE tomorrow and Saturday at our usual prices.

Our Christmas business was the largest in our history. We advertised the price on turkeys and lived up to our advertising and did not sell any higher.

For New Year's we will again have a splendid stock of all fresh dressed California and Nevada turkeys at the lowest possible prices. Every turkey guaranteed. Also all kinds of poultry—Pheasants, hens, roasting chickens, fryers, broilers, geese and ducks at lowest prices. Special, Suckling Pigs, all sizes.

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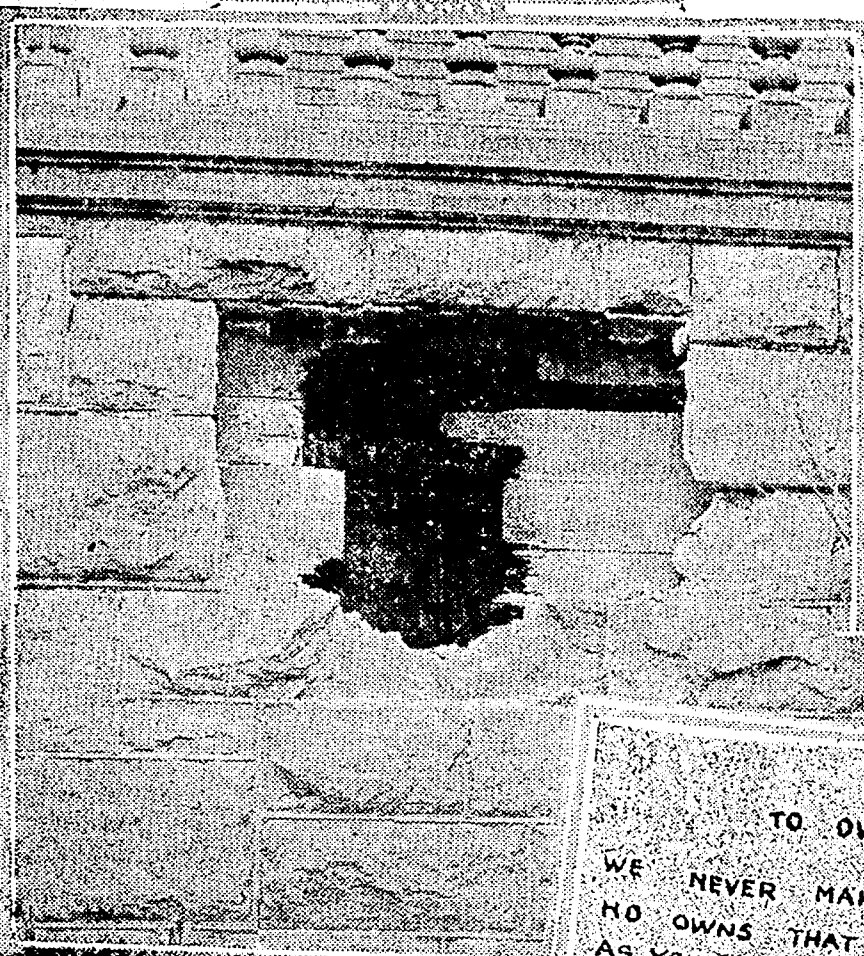
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# EXPLOSION CLEWS FAIL POLICE SUSPECT CRANK



## Placing of Explosive at Hutchinson Home Is Mystery

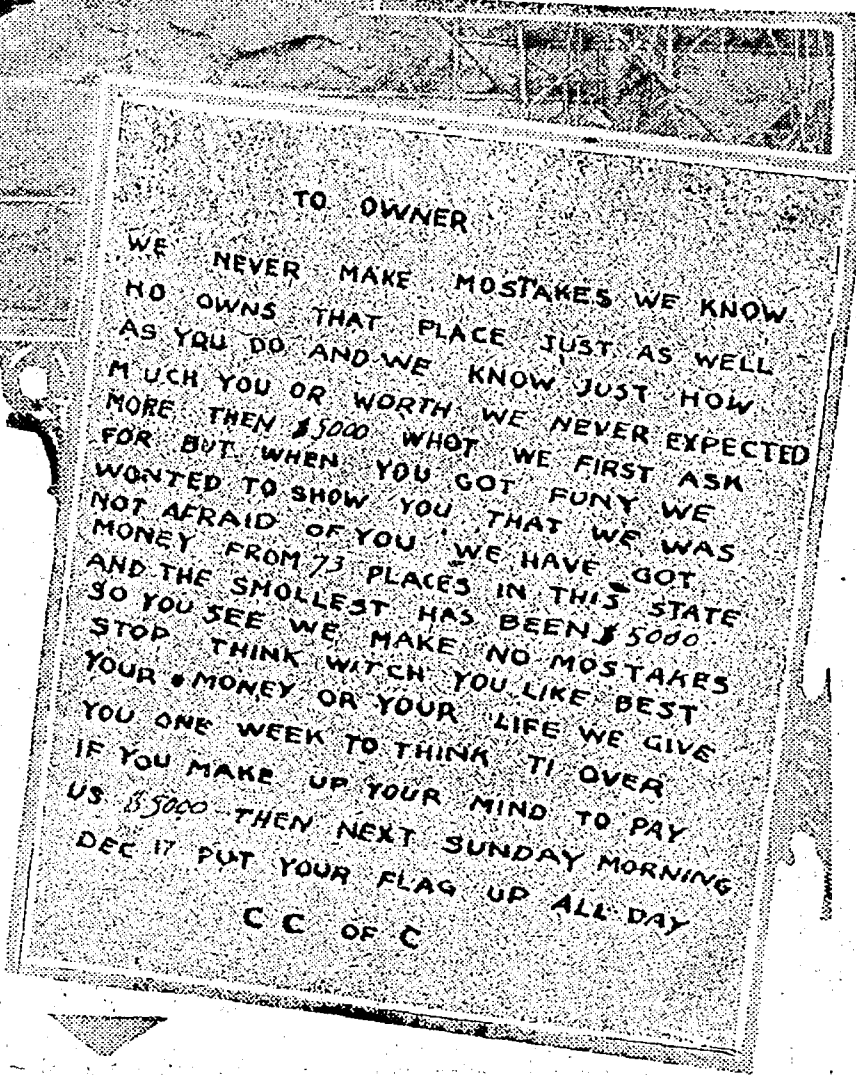
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dents of Contra Costa county, and the recent unmasking of alleged operations of the ring in San Francisco, are now believed to be part of one gigantic plot. That the whole tangled skein of blackhand episodes may go back to the slaying of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini in Sicily in 1909, and that the headquarters of the gang which has mulcted merchants, business men and others out of thousands of dollars in

## Lassen Displays Double Eruption

### Thousand-foot Column of Smoke Rises

REDDING, Dec. 28.—A "double eruption" of Mount Lassen, California's volcano, has been in progress since sunrise today, presenting a beautiful spectacle. Two columns of smoke rose from the mountain. One came from the main crater, ascending 1,000 feet before mushrooming out. The second came from the northeastern crater and was only half as large as the other. The dense clouds of smoke, rising about 300 yards apart, were brilliantly illuminated by the sun's rays.



HOLE BLOWN IN WALL OF HUTCHINSON RESIDENCE, 274 NINE-TEENTH STREET, BY PERSONS WHOSE LETTER DEMANDING MONEY HAD BEEN UNANSWERED. FACSIMILE OF ONE OF THE LETTERS.

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By Dining at the  
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297 guests pronounced our Christmas Dinner a huge success. THE FIRST DINNER OF THE NEW YEAR, served from 5 till 9, Monday, January 1st, will excel any offered in the past.

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Including souvenir bottle of Medallion Riesling (bux bottle). Music, Dancing and Entertainment. Make reservations now. Phone Oakland 1826.

To Your Other Good Resolutions Add "Will lunch at the Saddle Rock every day To keep the Blues and Glooms away."

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Model 75 B Touring, \$725 here—\$125 down, \$50 per month

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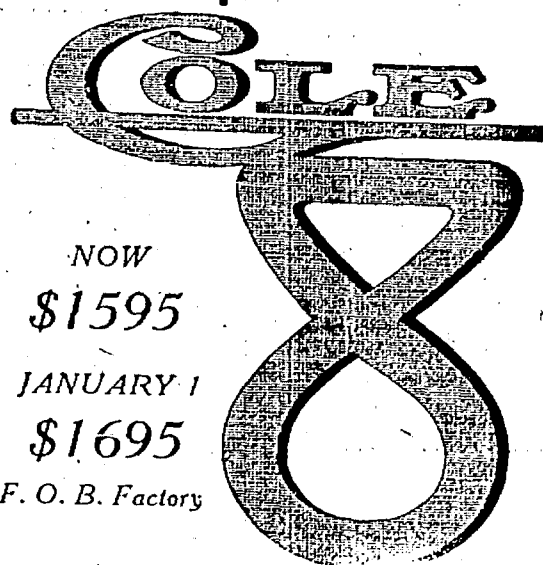
85 Six Touring, \$1040 here—\$260 down, balance \$65 month

These are absolutely new cars, fully equipped and fully guaranteed.

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2860 BROADWAY

## Save \$100



NOW  
\$1595

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The price of the Cole Eight will advance \$100 on January first. The same car you can buy today for \$1595 will sell for \$1695. The Cole-Springfield All-Season models, now listed at \$2195, will also advance \$200.

Why wait until the price advances? Buy your Cole Eight now—get delivery on it before the first of the year—and save enough to keep yourself in gas, oil and tires all next season.

You'll get the same car now as you would if you waited until after January first—for all Cole present models are to be continued throughout the whole of next season.

Cole Motor Sales Company

Phone Oakd. 4866.

2829 BROADWAY

## ATTACHE IS HONORED.

MARTINEZ, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Johnston entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening. After dinner,

there was music and dancing. Miss

Martha Narbett with piano selections, and singing by Alvin McMahon and A. J. McMahon entertained.

The party was in honor of the attache

of the district attorney's office, and among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ormsby, Miss Jean McLean, Miss Irene Costello, T. M. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Johnston.

Mrs. A. J. McMahon, Mrs. Thomas Mc-

Mahon, Miss Martha Narbett, Alvin McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Carlson of Oak-



## Out to-day New Victor Records for January

### Gluck and Homer in an exquisite old song

The favorite "Long, Long Ago" possesses a tenderness and pathos beautiful in their simplicity. It is a song worthy of the attention of such illustrious artists as Gluck and Homer, and they give an exceedingly beautiful presentation.

Victor Red Seal Record 87267 Ten-inch, \$2.

### Hempel sings a splendid number, "Just You"

This famous soprano has a peculiar faculty of getting at the heart of the song she sings. A distinctive trait that is exceptionally noticeable in this pathetic composition, and to hear it sung is to be charmed by the singer's consummate art.

Victor Red Seal Record 87261 Ten-inch, \$2.

### A beautiful new record by John McCormack

"Love, Here is My Heart" is its title, and it is sung to one of the most joyous refrains this genial tenor ever chose to sing. It is a song that in music and sentiment is exactly suited to him—a song you will delight to hear.

Victor Red Seal Record 84623 Ten-inch, \$1.

### Whitehill presents a superb bass solo. Two charming harp solos by Lapitino. Sparkling orchestral "Pinafore" medleys.

and 70 others including

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| 3 Majestic Sacred Selections        | 6 Brilliant Band Numbers          |
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New Victor Records demonstrated at all dealers on the 28th of each month.

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## PRICES REDUCED AND SMALL FIRST PAYMENTS

This is your opportunity to purchase any garment in our store at a Clearance Sale price—BUT BETTER STILL—is our low first payment. Just think, with \$5 you may purchase a \$25 suit and this is a reduced price, so you see what this sale really means. Come early and get first selection.

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**OAKLAND**



# 'BOMB' CIGARS ARE MAILED TO OFFICIALS

Postal Authorities Here Told to Watch for 25 Tubular Packages Containing Explosives; Two Smokers Are Injured

Nicholas Harris, of S. F. Firm, Receives One; Ex-Convict, Anxious to Hurt Peace Officers, Is Said to Be Involved

Postal officials in Oakland and the bay cities have been notified by Federal inspectors to keep a constant watch on small tubular packages such as might contain explosive cigars.

Eight of twenty-five "bomb" cigars, known to have been mailed, have been accounted for. Every effort of postal detectives is being made to discover the senders.

Two "bomb" cigars were traced early today, when it was learned that H. Perkins, former councilman of Watts, Los Angeles county, and W. H. Turner, former mayor of the small town, received cigars.

Perkins threw his "weed" into a stove, where it exploded, while Turner gave his cigar to E. Giles, marshal of Watts.

TWO INJURED. Two other cigars exploded, injuring the smokers, John D. Bennett of Brawley, whose nose was cut by flying bits of copper filings, and Eugene Bell, a University of Nevada student, who received cuts.

Believing that some passenger had forgotten to mail them, Gurner says that he did so. Twenty-five cigars were mailed, each one being wrapped individually.

Nicholas Harris, secretary of a San Francisco dredging firm, received one of the cigars yesterday. He placed it in the hands of the postal authorities, who examined it and found it contained fulminate of mercury, encased in a two-inch cap.

INTENDED FOR DETECTIVE. It is believed that the cigar was intended for a Nick Harris, former detective. Like the other cigars, it was contained in tin case.

Police are working on the theory that personal revenge is the motive of the sender, an ex-convict anxious to injure peace officers or their relatives.

## Perfume Clew Is Figure in Divorce Suit



MRS. LEO L. SCOTT.

Wife Accuses Affinity in Tale of Escapades of Her Spouse.

Because Leo L. Scott told his wife, on her return from a vacation, that during her absence he had been living with another woman, because he choked her and was otherwise cruel and unkind, as the story is related in her allegations set forth in a complaint, Katherine L. Scott has instituted divorce proceedings against her young husband.

Mrs. Scott, 28, a former school teacher, filed her complaint in the superior court yesterday. She alleged that her husband, who is 35 years old, had been living with another woman, and that he had choked her and was otherwise cruel and unkind.

## OAKLAND MAN IS BANDIT'S VICTIM

Gang Surrounded Nurse; Took Gold; Refugee Now Is at Hospital.

Held up by Villa bandits, who robbed him of his fortune and threatened to take his life, Frederick Ellsworth has arrived here penniless from Mexico and is now at the county infirmary. Ellsworth and Jack Barrett, who operated an adjoining mining claim near Sandinos, Durango, were attacked by Mexican bandits six weeks ago. Ellsworth lost \$7000 in gold and Barrett was killed.

After the robbery the men walked 125 miles to Mazatlan. They shipped on the tramp schooner Miranda to this port. Barrett is in San Jose, where he has relatives.

Ellsworth is in a serious condition from nervous prostration. He tells of how while Barrett and he were in a shack fifteen miles from Mazatlan, upon them, and, covering them with guns, gave them five minutes in which to produce all their gold or be shot. Even after taking the treasure, the Mexicans wanted to shoot their victims, but relented.

Ellsworth believes that a traitor among his workmen betrayed him. He is 63 years old. His home is in Newport, R. I. He is the brother of Oliver Ellsworth, Hawaiian plantation owner, and expected to meet him in San Francisco.

Ellsworth will remain at the infirmary until he recovers his health and will then attempt to recover his mine.

## New Oak to Be Put in Plaza

Young Tree to Take the Place of Dead One

Within the next few days Oakland will have a sturdy oak tree standing in the place of honor in the City Hall Plaza to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the old oak tree, which was cut down last week after nearly a century of growth.

Under the direction of Leo S. Kerfoot, superintendent of parks, the young oak in Mosswood Park, many tons of earth will surround the roots and it is believed that the transplanting can be done without endangering the life of the tree.

The oak is about 15 years of age, 20 feet in height and one of the finest specimens of its kind in the east bay section. It is of the variety of the natural growth that covered the hills and from which the city obtained its name.

If weather conditions permit the tree will be transported from Mosswood Park to the plaza on house-moving apparatus and the occasion will probably be marked with some sort of celebration as the tree moves along the streets to its new resting place.

According to Superintendent Kerfoot the young tree is in the best of condition and should withstand the moving without suffering in health and sprout leaves early in the year.

was openly disregarding his vows made at the altar. The couple were married at San Francisco September 2, 1912, and separated October 8, 1916. There are no children.

Scott is the son of Attorney John Scott of this city. He met his wife while she was a student at the State Normal School and he was at the local high school. The romance budded, and a year later, while both were yet in school, Mrs. Scott said:

This woman is about 35 years old. She is attempting to win my husband through expensive gifts. She has given him a gold-plated manure set, a cigarette box and other things.

Our married life was quite happy until last October. Then my husband came home one night reeking with Oriental perfume. Later I found that he had been with this woman. Soon I learned that she was partial to Oriental perfume and I could smell every time he had been near her. He said that he did not love her, but only wanted to get the gifts that she made him.

## Delto Was Transported; Is Held by Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The reply of the German government to suggestions of the American inquiries in regard to steamships sunk by submarines, in this instance relating to the destruction of the Norwegian steamship Delto, with thirteen Americans in the crew, declares that the steamship was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American navy, says that so far as was possible the safety of the crew was provided for. The men were given half an hour in which to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

There has been no further development in the case of the Arabela.

## German Raiders in Atlantic; Ship Seized

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A report was current here last night in maritime circles which would explain the mysterious and repeated wireless warnings sent out recently by allied warships of the United States coast, regarding the presence of a German commerce raider.

It was reported by German news sources which hitherto have proved infallible, that the overdue steamship Voltaire had been captured by a German submarine. It was further stated that the British Admiralty report of a raider at large on the high seas, referred to the Voltaire which had been heavily armed and was now lying in wait for British ships.

The Voltaire in a few days would steam into Hampton Roads bringing with her the crews of several British ships that had been sunk by German submarines and by her own guns.

## Two Held As Result of Fight in Cafe

As the result of a fight in the Rex Cafe at Eighth and Broadway last night, Helen Williams, a commercial model, and Charles Schultz, a clerk, were taken into custody by R. Hughes and J. Dolan, deputy constables, who claimed that they were attacked by Schultz, following the passing of insults. Miss Williams was released on \$1000 bail, and Schultz was charged with battery, their cases being continued pending the arrest of one of the bartenders in the place, who is said to have participated in a free-for-all scrimmage.

The Rex Cafe is conducted by Bert McClellan, son of Sergeant McClellan of the Oakland Police Department.

## WILL DISCUSS NEW HOSPITAL TONIGHT

Fund-Raising Campaign Will Open at Hotel Oakland Meeting.

Dr. O. D. Hamlin will preside at the meeting in the interest of the fund-raising campaign for the new Providence hospital, at the Hotel Oakland at 8 o'clock tonight.

Speeches setting forth the need of a modern fireproof hospital in Oakland will be made by Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, John H. Tolson and Dr. John P. Slavin.

Plans to raise the \$150,000 necessary to insure a \$450,000 hospital are progressing rapidly. One of the assistant secretaries said today:

This will not be a promiscuous or indiscriminate canvass from street to street, office to office, or house to house. You may be sure there will be no stream of callers asking your subscription. Lists of prospective subscribers in Oakland who we have reasons to believe are able to contribute and who are interested in the new hospital are being carefully listed.

## Watchman Falls Into Ship's Hold; Injured

Shouts from the hold of the steam schooner "Idaho," which is moored at the foot of Alameda street, disclosed to a crew of carpenters starting the day's work this morning, the prostrate form of John Raynos, night watchman, under the aft hatch thirty-five feet below the deck, helpless, and in a pool of blood.

Raynos, who is a German, 62 years of age, had fallen through the hatch opening at about 11 p. m. and does not know when he regained consciousness. For many hours before daybreak he suffered from the agony of a broken left arm, broken pelvis and cuts about the head.

The shipbuilding crew rigged a sling above deck and hoisted Raynos, who was held after which he was rushed to the receiving hospital.

## To Bury Sisters In Same Casket

EAGLE ROCK, Cal., Dec. 28.—Inseparable in life, Zelma and Emma Burton, sisters killed in a recent auto accident, are to be buried in a single casket. They will wear the graduation gowns they would have used this spring.

## Business Expert Is Speaker at Ad Club

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Miner Chipman, business expert, talked on "Efficiency" yesterday at the Palace Hotel before one of the largest Ad Club meetings of the year. Many personal experiences of the speaker in connection with his work were related. How advertising was brought into play by manufacturers in a large Middle Western city was also described by Chipman.

## Auto, in Tow, Turns Turtle; Man Killed

While steering his automobile along the Altamont pass, where it was being towed by another machine, J. B. Phinney, a San Francisco civil engineer, was killed when the wheels of his machine ran into a deep rut, causing the car to overturn. Phinney's automobile had broken down and E. A. Scott, 234 S. Woolsey street, Berkeley, had consented to tow him up the road.

## Santa Claus Is Busy in Oakland

Bank Clearings Show \$3,800,500 Spent

It was a good year for Santa Claus in Oakland. Bank clearings for the week, just completed, show that during Christmas week \$3,800,500 went into the various financial coffers from varied sources, passing through the local clearing-house en route.

These figures are greater than the bank clearings of last year by \$372,894 for the same week. Just what proportion of this increase went for Christmas gifts and Yuletide expenditures, above the record of last year, is hard to estimate. Local merchants, however, are of the opinion that more than \$1,000,000 was actually spent for Christmas presents in Oakland this year.

## Library Assistants Are Placed on List

As the result of examinations held by the Civil Service board eligible lists have been created for assistant cataloger, library messenger and order assistant. For cataloger the list includes Grace G. Ransome, Clara N. Bishop, Mildred N. Anderson, Mary H. Smith and Minnie Shreve; for messenger, Ward Slattery, Cole Tilley, Leonard C. Crathen, Keith Dalton, George Langridge and Herbert Hall, and for order assistant, Elsie T. Schaeffer and Margaret Hennesberry.

## Woman Hit by Truck; Shoulder Is Broken

Suffering from a broken shoulder and from shock which she received when an automobile truck driven by John Thomas ran her down near her home, Miss Emma Kane, 930 Jefferson street, is confined to her room today. Thomas took the young woman to the emergency hospital, where the fracture was set.

**"If housekeepers realized the efficiency and economy of THE WEDGEWOOD COMBINATION COAL AND GAS RANGE we would treble our output"**

**Burns Coal or Gas or both at the same time.**

The above statement was made the other day by the head of the firm that makes this Range, and he should know.

Made in a number of sizes with high shelf and warming closet, as shown, or with T shelf, low shelf or just the plain stove. Priced very low.

Practically two stoves and two ovens, but occupying very little more space than an ordinary range.

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**6 per cent net for 99 years**

**You have \$35,000 to loan**

You want to place it at 6% net. You'd rather put it out for 99 years than have to find a new loan every two or three years. Wouldn't you?

And wouldn't you rather your wife and family should draw the income when you're gone from a loan you've granted yourself—rather than to leave the investing of funds to their own immature judgment, with a possibility of loss through changing every two or three years?

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Chim Decorator. PETER KAWAKOWSKI 638 Fourteenth.	Haberdasher. MCNUTT & SWIFT Thirteenth and Broadway.
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# W MONTH-END FRIDAY

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SUCCESSORS TO **Hale's**  
OAKLAND STORE

OAKLAND'S STORE THAT UNDERSELLS

## FRIDAY AS USUAL, BARGAIN DAY

End of the week, end of the month, end of the year, and we'll make it a fitting end to a wonderful year's business. Cost not considered in selecting the prices for these items. Always lower than any other store in Oakland, the tremendous reductions we have taken for this occasion will make some of these items positively astounding. Some are odd lots that we are clearing out. Some are new. All are merchandise of merit. For obvious reasons, quantities may be limited. Prices for Friday only.

### REMNNANTS

1000 of them. Flannels, White Goods, Percales, Ginghams, Calicoes, Poplins, Voiles, etc. Lengths are from 2 to 12 yards. The cheapest remnant in the lot is worth 35c. Prices range from that up to \$1.50. Your choice Friday at, piece.....25c

**25c Each**

### REMNNANTS

Silks, Dress Goods and Linings. Waist lengths, skirt lengths, dress lengths. All new, seasonable merchandise originally marked very low, then reduced to remnant price, and now deeply cut to these remarkable prices.

All Remnants that were priced from 45c to 75c, Friday at.....25c

All Remnants that were priced from 85c to \$1.50, Friday at.....45c

All Remnants that were priced from \$1.75 to \$2.50, Friday at.....95c

All Remnants that were priced from \$3.00 to \$5.50, Friday at.....\$1.95

### Drapery Remnants

Almost given away. Cretones, Silkolines, Sunfasts, Marquisettes, Madrases, etc. Pieces from 1 to 4 yards. Remnants marked from 15c to 35c, Friday at.....7c

Remnants marked from 50c to \$1.00, Friday at.....29c

### Remnants of Laces and Embroideries

TORCHON, VAL and IMITATION CLUNY INSERTION—Worth 5c, 2 yards for.....5c

EMBROIDERY REMNNANTS—Of the 10c quality, yard.....5c

Remnants of LACE EDGES and INSERTIONS of the 10c quality, yard.....5c

LACE FLOUNCING—18 inches wide a good line of 25c value, yd. 15c

27-inch EMBROIDERY FLOUNCING—55c and 85c values, yd.....25c

### Sash Curtains—29c Pair

Made of good scrim, in white or ivory, neatly trimmed and hemmed.

### Curtain Sample Ends—19c Each

Great assortment of various styles of Curtains in white, cream or ecru. If these strips were in pairs, they would be valued at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per pair.

### Congoleum Rugs—\$3.95 Each

Size 9x12. These Rugs are slightly imperfect, but the price is less than half.

### WASHINGTON AT ELEVENTH ST.

### Women's Neckwear

10c Each

These are worth 25c each, but are a little mussed and soiled. Easily laundered.

### Notions

Odd Lots

Values to 5c each

Friday, 3 for.....5c

Including Spool Silk, Finishing Braid, 6 yards Lingerie Tape, 5 yards Bias Binding and Darling Cotton.

### Stamped Crepe Night Gowns—48c Each

Pretty designs on white crepe. Gowns are all made and are just half price.

### Slumber Shoes

Pair 15c

Sizes 4, 5 and 6 only, but a good assortment of colors. Half price.

### Real Leather Bags

45c Each

Neatly lined and fitted. Black only. Worth double.

### Brocaded Ribbon

Yard 15c

Worth 35c yard. 5 inches wide. White or blue only.

### Ostrich Feather Boas

63c Each

White and black combinations. Only a few in the lot.

### Women's Kid Gloves

79c Pair

These Gloves have been mended, but are splendid value at this price. Only three dozen in the lot.

### WOMEN'S RIBBED KNIT SKIRTS

Wool mixed. Assorted colors. Our regular \$1.50 value. Friday at.....\$1.00

### HYGIENIC BRAND SEAMLESS SANITARY NAPKINS

Plenty of large sizes. 30c value. Friday at, dozen.....19c

### WOMEN'S HITS

APRONS—Piped with white, assorted checked gingham. Special at.....12c

### WOMEN'S FLANNELETTE GOWNS

High or low neck, plain or striped, 58 inches long and very full. Worth 89c. Friday at.....55c



## RAIN FOR ALL COAST, FORETOLD

General Storm in Store, Is the Prediction of Weather Bureau.

With snow flurries on Mt. Diablo, Mt. Tamalpais and the foothill country along the coast, and with rain general throughout northern California, the storm which yesterday was off Washington, has dropped down to a point off central California. Rain will be general during the next twenty-four hours over the entire Pacific slope. A slight rise in the mercury prevented any great snowfall during the last twenty-four hours, save in the Coast Range. From Summit, at the top of the Sierras comes a report of a considerable fall and it was still snowing there at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mt. Tamalpais received the greatest rainfall, amounting to 1.16 inches. It rained steadily but not heavily during the night in the bay cities and the rain gauge at Berkeley, at the top of the Sierras, reported .50 in Oakland this morning. Reports from the other stations as to precipitation were as follows:

Stockton, .05; Merced, .18; San Jose, .10; Eureka, .05; Red Bluff, .78; Sacramento, .32; Oroville, .50; San Luis Obispo, .30; Fresno, .30; Point Reyes, .55.

### Vallejo Petitions to Change Charter Ready

VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—It is announced that the petitions asking for the election of a board of freeholders to frame a new charter for the city of Vallejo are ready for filing and that they will be taken to the City Council next week. The claim is made that something like 1600 names are on the petitions and that 1450 of them are registered voters who are eligible to sign the petition.

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LESLIE'S SHAKES	15c
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100 cans, 3 cans	
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BORAX, 6 bars	
GRAPE JUICE, 6-oz.	8c
bottle	
PRESERVES,	23c
100-oz. jar	
JELLY—15 ½	13c
Jar	
PEACHES, DRIED,	5c
lb.	
BRUNES, 50-60 size,	10c
lb.	
COCOA, HERSHEY'S,	8c
1-5 lb.	
MARSHMALLOWS,	8c
COCOA, HERSHEY'S,	32c
1 lb.	
COFFEE, 40c grade,	30c
lb.	
COFFEE, good value	20c
lb.	
BORAX CHIPS,	9c
20-MULE, small	
BORAX CHIPS,	23c
20-MULE, large	
SOURCE, VAN CAMP'S,	24c
3 cans	
PINEAPPLE, HILLS-	10c
DALE, No. 2, can	
TOMATOES, SPECIAL,	10c
No. 2, can	
CORN, MIAMI,	25c
No. 2, 3 cans	
CORN, ILLINOIS, 15c	
grade, No. 2, can	
DOMINO, CUBAN,	10c
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PUMPKIN, SWING,	6c
No. 3, can	
KREAM KRISP,	23c
small can	
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large can	
OLIVES, RIPE, small	25c
can, 3 for	
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can, 2 for	
BUTTER, BEST	
CREAMERY	
OLEOMARGARINE,	30c
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ASPARAGUS, STATE,	10c
can	
SKAT,	9c
KANRELL, HOT TO-	25c
MATO, 6 cans	
MACARONI and SPAG-	23c
HEETI, 3 lbs.	
SODOR PICKLES,	15c
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## Movie & Playhouse

### FINE HOLIDAY SHOW AT THE ORPHEUM

The holiday show at the Orpheum has apparently struck a responsive spot in the hearts of Oakland patrons, for the Orpheum has been jammed to the doors ever since the bill opened last Sunday.

It has all the ingredients that make up a typical Orpheum show at holiday time—pretty girls, sweet singing, superb dances, novelties from abroad, sparkling comedy skill and the stamp of class over the whole thing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barry in "The Rube" are the big comedy success, and they deserve it. The Six Water Lilies, shapely girls who live and swim, novelties in a novelty. James Gleason and Mina Belle in the merry "She Wouldn't Be Kissed by Me," are very warmly welcomed. Ivan Barrick and Lola Grillo, with Madeleine Harrison and a corps de ballet, are producing a practically dancing spectacle that is one of the finest of the kind ever brought here. Louis L. Lomax in a tuneful success. Nell O'Connor in "Garden of Allah" is a beautiful girl with a beautiful voice; the Piva Belloni in "Garden of Allah" is a beautiful girl with a beautiful voice; the Piva Belloni in "Garden of Allah" is a beautiful girl with a beautiful voice.

MAGICIANS VIE WITH KING AT COLUMBIA.  
The "Naughty Daddies," written and produced by Harry Bernard, is a beautiful production in the leading role of the Lorchs. It is proving one of the biggest drawing cards of the season at the Columbia theater this week.

One of the big features of the performance is a specialty offered by the Great Karmann company of magicians and strong teeth artists, featuring a performance which demonstrates their strength by pulling with their teeth a seven-passenger automobile.

The "Ship Ahoy" is a beautiful production in the leading role of the Lorchs. It is proving one of the biggest drawing cards of the season at the Columbia theater this week.

Those who attend the Oakland Hippodrome this week are certainly being treated to a most interesting and varied program. Musical comedy, vaudeville, motion pictures are the three forms of entertainment which are being presented. The program is a most interesting and varied one, and it is one which will certainly attract a large audience.

"SHIP AH-OY" TO BE SEEN AT HIPPODROME.  
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"JERRY" IS OFFERED AT BISHOP THEATER.  
The "Jerry" is a beautiful production in the leading role of the Lorchs. It is proving one of the biggest drawing cards of the season at the Columbia theater this week.

"THE VICTORIA CROSS" REMARKABLE PICTURE.  
A tall, gaunt, bearded man, an East Indian, seated on the steps of a native cottage in the main street of the quaint, old-fashioned city of Calcutta, is the first vision yesterday's audience at the new T. & D. theater received of the great Tellegen in the Paramount picture, "The Victoria Cross."

Postoffice Plan Is Subject of Resolution  
The following resolutions were adopted by the Downtown Property Owners' Association at its meeting of December 27:

Whereas, Recommendation has been made to the federal government favoring an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the erection of a new and more adequate post-office building for Oakland; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of the Downtown Property Owners' Association, That this organization does hereby commend

Man Accused by S. P. Sues for False Arrest  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Rupert G. Mathey, former teller for the exposition company, filed suit against the Southern Pacific Company yesterday for \$75,000 damages. He alleges malicious arrest and prosecution.

Small Stores Are Damaged by Fire  
Damage to the amount of \$2000 was caused early last evening when fire swept through a number of small stores and restaurants at Broadway and Fifth street, gutting the Oakland Lunch Room, 731 Broadway, where it is thought to have had origin, and damaging the woodwork of other establishments adjoining.

Other fire victims are the Sparta Restaurant, the Idaho Bar, Contra Costa Laundry office and the Crescent Photograph Gallery.

### VETERAN MINSTREL IS PANTAS FARE

George Primrose, veteran minstrel and famous dancer, with his big minstrel troupe, continues to attract hundreds of old timers to the Oakland Pantases this week where he is the headline attraction.

The famous and beloved comedian gives some of his old specialties, in an act that has a sentimental interest, as well as being more than entertaining.

"GARDEN OF ALLAH" AT THE MACDONOUGH.  
The "Garden of Allah" which is the attraction at the Macdonough Theater this week, is without doubt the most elaborately staged scenic production that has ever visited this city.

TWIN BEDS COMING.  
Salisbury Field and Margaret Mayo's brilliant comedy, "Twin Beds," aptly described as "The War in the Bedroom," returns to the Macdonough Theater on Sunday next for a week's engagement, opening with the Sunday matinee performance.

An ideally balanced cast has been provided for "Twin Beds" by the Macdonough Theater, featuring a cast of twelve, including a number of the most popular actors of the day.

RUSSIAN BALLET TO PLAY IN OAKLAND.  
The two-night engagement of the Diaghileff Ballet Russe at the Auditorium Opera House (the theater section) on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 9 and 10, will prove record breaking for the city in many ways.

The Diaghileff Ballet is of course the most important of all the Russian dancing organizations. It is probably the biggest theatrical enterprise that has ever been sent on tour in this country, and it contains more great international stars than any similar organization, and Oakland and its sister cities of Alameda and adjacent counties will be treated to a way that it will be the greatest gathering of fashion and beauty that has ever greeted a company in a theater on this side of the bay.

The company is headed by Minksky, undoubtedly the greatest dancer of the world as he ever produced, and includes Adolf Bolm, the incomparable "Gypsy King" of the "Gypsy King" and "Jerry" in the hands of Billie Burke, borders. Regularly \$10.00. Sale Price, \$8.50 value, selling at.

"FALL OF NATION" SEEN AT RELIANCE.  
The "Fall of a Nation," which is the attraction for the balance of holiday week at the Reliance Theater, is a most interesting and varied one, and it is one which will certainly attract a large audience.

Every scene is replete with action, from those of happy American homes to those in the trenches with bombs bursting overhead and blood being shed on all sides. Many well known players are seen in the cast, which includes Percy Arthington, Arthur Hiley, Hiding, Flora MacDonald and Lella Pegg.

During the engagement of "The Fall of a Nation," which closes Saturday evening, there will be no deviation from the usual balance prices.

FRANK KEENAN TAKES PART OF ATORNE.  
In "The Sin Ye Do," Frank Keenan, the well-known actor, takes the part of a man whose name is Barrett Steele, a man whose very name is Barrett Steele, a man whose very name is Barrett Steele.

Christian Church Selects Officers  
At a recent meeting of the First Christian church congregation, officers for the year 1917 were elected.

The following secular officials will aid Rev. H. A. Van Winkle in the government of the church at Grand avenue and Webster street:

Church Burns Mortgage.  
A popular campaign to remove the balance on mortgage indebtedness of Twentieth Street A. M. E. church, culminated last night in clearing the last dollar and the burning of the mortgage. The debt was placed on the church some ten or twelve years ago to remodel the building. It was then more than \$2000. When the present pastor, Rev. J. M. Brown, came from Topeka, Kan., a little over a year ago, there remained a balance of \$1650 on principal and \$110 back interest.

## Capwells

Time Is Growing Short to Benefit by the Savings of Our

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# YEAR-END SALES

Come Early Tomorrow for These Money-saving Items

## Ribbon Fancy Work One Third Off

An after-Christmas sale of pretty fancy articles all going at ONE-THIRD less than their regular prices.

Made-up Hair Bows  
Girdles  
Slippers  
Slipper Trees

## Ribbon Remnants ¼ to ½ Off

Ribbon Remnants of all kinds in the Year-End Sales. Plain and fancy ribbons, wide and narrow, lengths from one-half to one and a half yards.

—First Floor.

## New Hats For the New Year

Our ever new Millinery Section is showing some lovely new Hats that have arrived for the holidays. They breathe the breath of Spring in style, shape and trimming.

Clever all satin Hats, satin and straw combinations, exquisite crepe affairs and most charming creations of silk combined with soft materials of various kinds.

Absolutely correct in every particular. Hats for the southern trip or for traveling. Only one of a kind. Moderately priced at—

\$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.95 and up

—Second Floor.

## 500 Yards of Bates and Serpentine Crepes

Yard 11c

You'll be pleased at this offer, for you know the regular price and you know this is LESS than HALF PRICE. Mill lengths and in every good range of patterns.

## 36-Inch Outing Flannel—Yard 12c

The extra heavy kind—both white and fancy flannel in a big assortment of pretty patterns. Soft, fleecy and extremely warm. A wonderful bargain.

First Floor.

## Buy Good Rugs at Year-End Savings

If you shop for the home during the Year-End Sale you will be able to economize to a very considerable extent. Witness:

9x12 Reversible Fiber Rugs in blues, browns and greens. Regular \$7.50. Sale Price. \$6.95  
8x12 Grass Rugs of best quality with artistically stenciled borders. Regularly \$10.00. Sale Price. \$8.65  
8x10 Grass Rugs—same as above but smaller size. \$8.50 value, selling at. \$7.45  
27x54-Inch Rag Rugs in mixed colors or hit-and-miss effect. Extra special. 85c  
30x60-Inch Rag Rugs, special. \$1.10  
36x72-Inch Rag Rugs, specially priced at. \$1.25

Third Floor.

Year-End Bargains  
a Plenty in the  
Basement Store

Capwells  
Clay, 14th and 15th Streets

## Women's Coats Greatly Reduced

Women who wish to invest their Christmas money in a fine new coat should see these bargains.

\$19.75 and \$22.50 Coats, \$14.75

Good-looking and stylish mixtures, tweeds, velours, in solid colors, velvet or pile, trimmed with beaver.

\$25 to \$29.50 Coats—\$17.75

A wonderful collection of underpriced coats with deep capes, some with raglan and set-in sleeves, velours, serge, cloth, chevrons, velours, etc., made in the season's favorite styles.

Coats to \$35.00 for—\$24.75

Utility and dress styles in every material and style now to the season. A sale to reduce stocks prior to taking inventory. Coats that were at special values at their regular prices have been materially reduced.

—Second Floor.

## Save on Linens

All-Linen Damask, Yard—90c

A special to delight the heart of the thrifty housewife. Of heavy, serviceable quality. All-linen damask of permanent finish and in attractive floral patterns. Width 66 inches.

Linen Finished Damask, Yard—65c

Good quality of Irish cotton damask with a linen finish, and bleached to a snowy whiteness. In graceful floral designs. Cannot be surpassed for all around wear and good service. And the price is far below the real worth. Width 66 inches.

—First Floor.

## \$3.50 Round Scalloped Table Cloth—\$2.95

A golden opportunity to replenish depleted linen supplies at a most agreeable saving. Good, serviceable quality, snow white, grass bleached damask. In pretty circular designs and pleasing floral patterns and neatly scalloped all around. Width 68 inches.

—First Floor.

## \$2.75 White Blankets \$2.25

Beacon Blankets— you, all know their quality and will appreciate this reduction. Soft, fluffy and fleecy and as warm as can be. In double bed size and with pink and blue borders.

—Third Floor.

## Remnants of Silks and Dress Goods and Wash Goods 1-4 to 1-2 off

Beautiful silks, velvets and corduroys in a vast range of colors and attractive patterns, also wash fabrics of many kinds.

Handsome wool dress goods and coatings in plain colors, mixtures, plaids, etc.

Remnants in usable lengths of 5 to 10 yards. Various widths. Each remnant represents a big money-saving opportunity.

First Floor, Near Clay St. Entrance.

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A wide range of patterns—all very attractive and very serviceable. Comes in 5 to 10-yard lengths and sells at one-fourth off the regular price—25c to 50c yard.

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NOTICE!  
There will be two complete shows at the Orpheum on Sunday, New Year's Eve—once at 7:30 and one at 9:30. It is best to order seats quickly.

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A FAMILY THEATRE  
CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE  
DAILY 1:30 TO 11:30 P.M.

MATINEE TODAY AT 2:30  
JIM POST and His Thirty Merry-Makers, including the Famous Post Pony Ballet, in  
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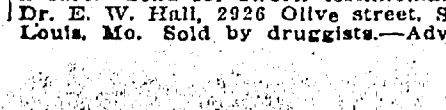
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## SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE URGED

Waterfront Compromise Suggested in Port Commission Note.

A final solution of existing waterfront troubles between the city and the V. O. Lawrence Warehouse Company is proposed in a communication submitted to the city council today by the port commission and Commissioner of Public Works Harry S. Anderson. If the plan is approved, Lawrence will be asked to spend \$150,000 in the erection of a reinforced concrete warehouse on the quay wall at the foot of Market street. It is understood that Lawrence will accept the proposal.

The proposed plan, which was referred to Mayor Davis for a report, provides that the cost of construction of the new building, with 5 per cent. added interest, shall be repaid to Lawrence out of the rentals for the two upper floors of the structure. The rate of one cent a square foot on those two floors will be charged.

The lower floor is to be reserved for the use of the city as a public wharf, the municipality to collect all dockage and wharfage tolls.

While the new structure is being erected, the plan proposes, Lawrence will pay the city \$15 a month for the use of the present city warehouse at the foot of Clay street. At the time it moves into the new building the sum of \$200 a month will be rebated, as the port commission considers the existing building as not being worth more than \$15 a month as a warehouse because of the lack of warehouse facilities.

## Improvers to Hold Christmas Affair

The members of the Vernon-Rockridge Improvement Club will hold a Christmas tree and festival tomorrow afternoon and evening, at the club-house on College avenue. The children will be entertained from 2 to 5 p. m. with appropriate exercises, and a program has been arranged.

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## 'Representative' Lands in Jail Now Can't Remember the Affair at All

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—It cost H. D. Harwood of Tucson, Ariz., two nights in an unheated Mexican jail and a \$20 fine to tell General Jose Murugula, commander of Juarez, that he was a special envoy from President Wilson, bringing an ultimatum to war on Mexico within four days unless Carranza signed the Atlantic City protocol immediately. Harwood was at first taken seriously, but the imposture was exposed when General Murugula demanded his credentials. Harwood, who was released this evening through the mediation of the American authorities, said that he had no recollection of the incident.

## Aged Woman May Die As Result of Mishap

Because of her age, 86 years, injuries suffered by Mrs. Emma Wells, 337 Thirtieth street, when a Southern Pacific electric train ran over her at Twenty-first street and Broadway, are looked upon as possibly fatal by physicians called into her case. Following the accident Mrs. Wells was removed to the emergency hospital where it was found that she was suffering from a basal fracture of the skull, together with bruises and shock. She was removed to Merritt Hospital and Dr. Henning Koford called into the case.

Partially deaf, it is thought that she did not hear the warning signal. A son, who is thought to be a practicing physician of Sacramento and formerly at Contra Costa county practitioner, is the object of a search today by those interested in apprising him of his mother's condition.

## Chases Man in Night- Gown; Theft Charged

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The spectacle of a man fleeing along a rain-swept street pursued by a woman clad only in her nightgown, aroused Patrolman Gurtner this morning and resulted in the arrest of Edmund Granza, an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Richmond, on a robbery charge. The woman, Miss Nita Harwood, declared that Granza had entered her room in the resort at 33 Washington alley, had choked her and robbed her of a neck chain. As soon as he made his escape, she called the police. Granza was taken before Night Captain of Detectives Timothy Bailey and the felony charge was lodged against him.

**JAPANESE TO BE CITIZEN.**  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—Superior Judge Peter J. Shields yesterday granted the petition of Ota Takekuro to establish the birth of his son, who was born in July 4, 1915, at Borden, California. The action of Takekuro is for the purpose of providing his son with the privileges of American citizenship. This is the second birth of a Japanese to have been established in Sacramento county.

**PAY DIVIDENDS.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The International Paper Company today declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on its preferred stock, placing the stock on a 6 per cent basis. The last dividend was 1 per cent and previous to that one-half of one per cent quarterly was paid. Accumulated dividends amount to 3 3/4 per cent.

## Blue Bird Bureau

Appreciation of the work of the Good Fellows of Oakland and neighboring cities has been expressed in letters and messages sent to the Blue Bird Bureau during the last few days. Some of these have been little cards, thanks from children whose appeals to Santa Claus were answered. Others were letters from mothers telling of the joy brought Christmas eve or Christmas morning.

Good Fellows carried Christmas cheer to the 200' high tower of the church in Alameda county. That is no mean record. In some instances there was just a little present of toys. In others there was a basket containing toys and a Christmas dinner. In many the good fellowship extended to the holding of a joyful party, with Christmas tree, Santa Claus, gifts and a Christmas dinner for all.

Inevitably, there were some disappointments, some heartaches. Addressed to Santa Claus, the children's letters were not always legible, and bundles sent out were returned. Some of the families had moved, but the little writer who had appealed to Santa Claus for a gift, did not know of the change of address. At least a dozen families were found to have moved when a Good Fellow called to deliver gifts.

And some Good Fellows—sad as this may be to record—were Good Fellows in intention, but not in deed. They asked for a chance to help—and the name and address of children who would be forgotten, if they did not remember, was given out. They had good intentions. But something of importance must have happened to make them forget. The children were forgotten. So far as the Blue Bird Bureau has been able to learn, there were only a few of these, scarcely a handful. But a Good Fellow who was a Real Good Fellow, who was largely responsible for the idea of having a big Christmas tree at the county infirmary, has asked the assistance of Blue Bird, in behalf of a woman who has been for some days at the infirmary. She has just become a mother. But she and her baby have no place to go when they leave the infirmary.

They must leave, as the so-called maternity section of the women's ward is overcrowded.

The Associated Charities will provide fuel and provisions, but cannot provide rent. Miller has raised some money. He needs more before a room can be rented for a month to give shelter to the mother and her child. The father of the child is a vagrant, neglecting his wife. He is the kind of man who would rather stay in jail and smoke good tobacco, provided by the county, than support his family. So says Miller.

Just one more request. The mother is aged and infirm. The daughter is deaf and dumb. But by peddling notions she helps to support herself and her mother. The Associated Charities help with some provisions. They have been without furniture, but a bed and some other pieces have been given them. They have no mattress for the bed. They have no bed clothes. The nights are cold.

things he had. Suddenly he stopped. "But, mummy, you don't get any presents," he said when he saw my lap was empty. I smiled. I did not mind when my kiddies were happy.

But he was mistaken. Santa Claus came over to me with a bundle with my name on it, and it was some things I had wanted. I do not know how they knew. They had remembered me, and it almost made me cry. I wasn't expecting anything for myself. A dozen postal cards were received, addressed some to "Blue Bird," some to "Good Fellows," giving thanks to the Good Fellows and wishing them Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. One was this simple message:

Blue Bird: Received box of presents. I suppose they were from the Blue Bird. The children were so pleased. With many thanks, MRS. From a woman who is helping herself by working, and who has the children for some days at the infirmary, she is working in the cold and rain, as Blue Bird well knows, came a message of thanks, and a request, which some Good Fellow may heed. Here is the letter:

To the Good Fellows: The coat you sent me for Christmas was just what I needed, and I thank you so much for it. Just as soon as I get some mittens for it you are going to see me wear it.

I have another little favor to ask of you. Would you try to get me some kind of a wagon for baby buggy to haul wood in. The one I have is all broken up. And oblige.

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## Deputy Kills Bandit After Revolver Duel

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—In a thrilling duel on a crowded business street, Deputy Sheriff Murphy shot and probably fatally wounded Peto Salinas, arrested on suspicion of being implicated in a holdup last night, and also believed to be a desperate character wanted in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

As the officer approached him, Salinas opened fire, and while the crowd scattered, Murphy emptied his revolver and sent for more ammunition.

While awaiting bullets, Murphy arrested Salinas' companion and Salinas took refuge in a store. When other officers arrived Salinas resumed his fight from a vantage point the officers dodging behind automobiles and trucks, closing in on him. Murphy surprised Salinas by a flank movement and shot the bandit through the head.

## Francis Langhorne, Noted Elk, Is Dead

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 28.—Francis Charles Langhorne, who was a member of a committee that selected the name of the fraternal order of Elks, died at his home here yesterday. He was 72 years old and was born in New York. His vote is said to have decided the choice of the Elks instead of Buffaloes.

## Fifth Avenue Has Alaska Beat, Claim

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Leonard Sudden from Alaska, after thinking here for several months, today declared that more furs were worn on Fifth avenue in July than in his frozen homeland in the winter.

**PROMISES CHEAP GAS.**  
FRESNO, Dec. 28.—Samuel Brickman, inventor of a gasoline refining process, who disappeared mysteriously from Los Angeles three months ago, reappeared here today and said he had spent his time in California oil fields studying the oil industry. He said he has been making his way under various anonymous names. As the result of his investigations, he declares, he believes he can make gasoline for 10 cents a gallon.

**LIEUTENANTS APPOINTED.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Two hundred and forty-one second lieutenants appointed to the regular army from civil life were ordered to service schools today for training before joining their commands.

**SCHOOL IS DESTROYED.**  
FARGO, N. D., Dec. 28.—Fire, originating from an explosion of chemicals in a laboratory here, destroyed the Fero high school building and seriously damaged an adjoining grade school, causing an estimated loss of \$100,000. Fifty-six members of night school classes narrowly escaped injury. Insurance covered 90 per cent of the loss.

## Schlatter to Be Put Upon Trial in South

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Francis Schlatter and August Schroeder, 70 and 60 years old, respectively, must return to Los Angeles to face trial there in the federal court on charges of using the mails to defraud. Judge Eager in the United States District Court has ordered their extradition, which had been opposed on the ground that Schlatter already had been discharged in New York City on a similar charge. The charge against the revolver is that they posed as divine healers and used the mails to carry on their business. They were arrested two months ago after a chase which led into Canada.

## Cannot Divide Fund, Is Ruling of Court

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Justice Dwyer in an afternoon court here has decided against the plan for the reorganization of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association under which the reserve fund of the organization needs to have been divided into two parts.

## Rancher Found Dead; Suspect Is Detained

NAPA, Dec. 28.—Adolph Millett, a rancher, was found dead in his cabin in Chillicothe valley with his throat cut. He was shot by Louis Renaud, who, a thirty-year-old, had a money argument with Millett. The body was found last night, was taken into custody for investigation.

**HAD PIN IN GIZZARD.**  
MARYSVILLE, Dec. 28.—Among the Marysville fowl to forfeit their lives on account of Christmas was raised by A. C. Cox, carrying a trapeze in his gizzard. The post-mortem held by the cook at the Cox home showed that early in the chicken's career it swallowed a pin which had taken a position crosswise of the interior of the gizzard by penetrating both walls of that organ. The walls had grown over it. The fowl was healthy in every particular and gave promise of being a good layer.

## ACHES AND PAINS

Don't neglect a pain anywhere, but find out what caused it at once. A pain in the kidney region may put you on your back tomorrow. Don't blame the weather for swollen feet; it may be an advanced warning of Bright's disease. A pain in the stomach may be a creak in a joint may be the forerunner of rheumatism. Chronic headaches more than likely warn you of serious stomach trouble. The best way to keep in good condition day in and day out by regularly taking GOLD MEDAL PARKER'S Kidney Capsules. Sold by all reliable druggists. Money refunded if they do not help you. Beware of substitutes. Every bottle is guaranteed pure. Gold Medal are the GOLD MEDAL. Guaranteed and sold by The Owl Drug Co. Advertisement.

## Idaho Power Firm in Receiver's Hands

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28.—By agreement of the company and its creditors, the Northern Idaho and Montana Power Company, a \$5,000,000 corporation, operating public utilities in thirty-five cities and towns in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, was placed in the hands of a receiver by United States District Judge Frank H. Rudkin. Blumer Dover of Tacoma was appointed receiver and H. H. Grosscup of Tacoma, counsel for the receiver.

## Japanese Banker to Urge Closer Relations

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—A declaration that he had retired from the presidency of the First Bank of Japan for the purpose of promoting "better friendly feelings between America and Japan," was made by E. Shibumawa, of Tokyo, "the Morgan of Japan," in a letter received here by John S. Mitchell, president of the chamber of commerce. The letter said:

"I really deem it my mission to devote myself to the endeavor of making both countries the true good friends of each other forever."

## One Boy Killed, Five Hurt; Sleds Crash

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28.—Delbert Collins, 17 years old, was killed, and five boys seriously injured, one fatally, when two tobisleds collided here tonight on a steep hill. One sled was loaded with negro youths, two of whom were among those injured, and the other sled was filled with white boys.

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916.

### BERKELEY LAND LOAN CENTER.

Berkeley is to be heartily congratulated upon winning the location of the Federal Land Bank for the Eleventh Federal Farm Loan District. It will mean considerable new distinction and advantages for the university city. Being the site of the State University under which the California Agricultural School is administered and conveniently located to all sections within this farm loan district, Berkeley will be able to reciprocate with many advantages in the establishment of the new system of rural credits.

Many predict that the system of farm banks and loans adopted at the last session of Congress will inaugurate a new era in American agriculture and one which is destined to be of more far-reaching importance than any of the past. Whether or not this extravagant outlook is justified, it is almost certain to be of much significance to the future of the farming industry. When organization is completed the central farm loan bank will wield considerable influence in the business and finances of the district for which it is created. The Eleventh, or Berkeley district, includes California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and is one of the twelve districts into which continental United States, excluding Alaska, is divided.

The act creating the rural credit system provides that the Federal Farm Loan Board shall establish in each federal land bank district a federal land bank with its principal office located in such city within the district as the board may designate. Subject to the approval of the federal board, the federal land bank to be established at Berkeley may establish branches throughout the entire land bank district. Thus the Berkeley institution will occupy the same position in the four states mentioned as does the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to the federal reserve district.

Fixing the location of the farm land bank signifies that the organization of the bank will proceed at once. This matter, no doubt, will be completed as speedily as possible. The law provides that all loans to stockholders and national farm loan associations shall be executed through the district bank, which means that the agriculturists who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of the farm loan law are waiting upon this organization.

It is fortunate for California that the district bank is to be located in this State and it is particularly gratifying to the people of the east bay communities that it is to be established in Berkeley. In congratulating our neighbor upon its opportunity we are confident that nothing will be omitted to make it an example of the best possible under the new scheme of federal farm loans.

### PEACE CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

The replies of the Central Powers to the peace note President Wilson addressed to all the governments at war is not satisfactory when considered solely as an answer. These governments apparently have forgotten or deliberately ignored the main purpose of the President's request. That was to ascertain the objects which each belligerent wishes to accomplish in the war and what conditions would be satisfactory attainments under a treaty of peace. Instead of replying in this tenor the governments of the Central Alliance have confined themselves to suggesting a conference of peace plenipotentiaries in a neutral city. Had it not been for the textual statements that it was a reply to Mr. Wilson's note, it might have been mistaken for an independent and original communication.

These inconsistencies in form, however, may be graciously overlooked in the hope that the direct proposal for a peace conference will result in the termination of the war. When Mr. Wilson despatched his recent letter to the foreign powers he did not believe that the time was near when an actual conference might be held. If it turns out that he was mistaken he, as well as all other Americans, will be very happy in acknowledging the mistake in judgment. Again, if the peace conference results from the German proposal, it will stamp the wartime diplomacy of the Central Powers as being more effective than that of the United States and the Entente Allies. Members of the latter group doubt the seriousness of the offer and deprecate the suggestion that it will have any effect.

They may be right, but their attitude of rejection and condemnation is not new in the records of wars and their conclusions. Rather it is the orthodox way to expect belligerents to act in the face of proposals from an enemy. The ways of ending wars greatly vary. President Roosevelt brought the Russo-Japanese war to an end by sending identical despatches to each government urging that they enter into peace negotiations. Russia put an end to the Turkish-Grecian war of 1897 by ordering an armistice just as the Turks were marching on central Greece. The Russo-Turkish war was terminated by England's threat to enter it. The war between Prussia and Denmark in 1864 ended when the Danes learned that they could not get outside help. In the Sino-Japanese war China made two overtures for peace through unofficial agents, which were refused, and finally sent Li Hung Chang with proper credentials to draw up the treaty of Shimonoseki. President Polk in the Mexican war sent along with General Scott a peace envoy

authorized to treat with the Mexican government the moment the enemy was willing to quit fighting.

President Wilson has merely asked definition of the objects of war. When compared to the movements that resulted in ending other wars, his action appears wonderfully simple; it may be equally as effective.

### THE SINGING CARABAO.

It often happens that a severe scolding and reprimand will work important reformation of conduct, even among those in high places. Take the Military Order of the Carabao, for instance. It is an organization of military men who served in the Philippines during the early days of the American occupation. High ranking officers in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps are members and officers. When the Carabaos met in the national capital a year ago they got gay with officials of the administration and said some rather cutting things about the ideas of national defense prevailing at the time, ridiculed the "too proud to fight" sentiment and took other liberties.

The President did not like this conduct. And as soon as he learned of the remarks delivered over the banquet table he was angry. Officers of the regular branches of the service were under his command as Commander-in-Chief and he sent them severe reprimands, stating that they were wanting in a display of that measure of respect for their Commander-in-Chief to be expected of officers.

Not until the next annual reunion of the Carabaos was held was it possible to observe the effect of the scolding. This happened in Washington last week. There never was a quieter, more cautious and more circumspect meeting of soldiers and ex-soldiers. No more was heard the clang of bolos and sabres, no more fiery reminiscences, no more fearless criticism of anyone. The Carabaos now sing. The sedateness of their conduct recalls the remark of the late Admiral McCalla, who in 1900 visited a vessel of the Philippine fleet on an official inspection, a vessel snowy white and immaculately clean. He said to the captain of ship: "O! I see you paint." The admiral's intentional sarcasm was duly appreciated. And the Carabaos sing. Here is a sample:

For we all be Carabao,  
We've fought beneath the Starry Flag.  
We know the kris and snarling krag.  
And the foxy Brownie Tao,  
For we all be Carabao,  
How! How! How!

Now, what Commander-in-Chief can take offense at this, even to that cruel, climatical line, "How! how! how!" There were other songs, some of them chosen for the quiet little human message they convey. One especially noteworthy recited that, under the days of the king, "six grouchy seamen were hung on high because they would not sing."

As a variant, apparently fearing the meeting would grow stale with too much song, the Carabaos introduced a few lines of wholly innocent dialogue:

"First voice—Clarence! Second voice—Say on, Archibald. First voice—Things have been right lively down in Santo Domingo lately. The marines have been waking them up. Second voice—Well, they're going to get a little Knapp now."

'Tis a sad story, mates—The Taming of the Carabao.

Hand-shaking between friends has been declared by a Berkeley bacteriologist to be dangerous to the health. It follows that the discontinuance of the habit would reduce the liability to the spread of contagious disease. This alone is sufficient to cause society seriously to consider some other form of salutation. But there are other reasons why the suggestion of Dr. Sneider should be received with general favor: it would enable all to avoid the fiend who delights in showing how powerful is his grip and also committing the daily little hypocrisies of going through the form of a friendly greeting that is not genuine.

In forwarding to the belligerent governments the invitations which the Oakland and Los Angeles city officials yesterday separately voted to extend to make their respective city the scene of the proposed peace conference, the city clerk should be careful to affix the time of adoption of the ordinance. Invitations will, of course, be considered in the order of the time extended and it goes without saying that the warring nations of Europe have no wish intentionally to do an injustice either to Oakland or Los Angeles.

### MEN AND ACRES.

Secretary Houston, talking to the American Unitarian Association in this city last night on the progress of our agriculture, is able to congratulate the country on a marked advance in farming methods, but not on the achievement of any shortening of the economic distance between the consumer and the producer. Nor is there very much real encouragement in his showing that while we cannot produce nearly as much food stuff to the acre in this country as is produced in Europe, we actually produce three or four times as much per man. It is quite true that no country produces so much to the number of men employed in agriculture as does the United States. Our leadership in that regard is due to the great development of machinery, and to the spreading of the efforts of one man over a greater number of acres than elsewhere. One man upon fifty acres, with costly machinery, can of course produce more than one man upon five acres with little or no machinery, and it is not much to his credit that he can do so. But his methods, as compared with the close work of more men on less ground, are essentially uneconomical, necessarily wasteful. In the long run it is the acre that tells the story. The number of our cultivable acres is limited, and the supply of agricultural labor, as we have had abundant demonstration, is also limited. Therefore there is a limit to our production in that direction. Our only prospect for the great increase of production that is necessary to our well-being as a nation lies in an increase per acre.

It is of course vain to talk of doing things which are absolutely dependent upon an abundance of labor. We cannot duplicate the intensive cultivation of France, Switzerland or Germany. But we can and must moderate our old and native tendency to a merely extensive cultivation. The problem of the department of agriculture is to reconcile the scarcity of labor with this necessity—not an easy task, but one which the experts of the department are making excellent headway toward mastering. But that reconciliation will take a long time and much experience, and in the meanwhile the brain of the country—the business brain of it—will have to devote its attention to bringing production and consumption closer together. Something is wrong there. New England lets good fields lie fallow producing not even first-class pasture, and sends itself from Dakota, Texas and California. The poet tells us that "the fields are green that are far away." The trouble with us is that the fields that are near are too green—with an inferior variety of grass. Let us have them black with tillage or with Holsteins, or gray with sheep.

## NOTES and COMMENT

A wireless 'phone for a hotel is an innovation. It is characteristic of the alertness of Oakland that it is the pioneer in discussing the installation of this device on this coast.

There are to be some doings when the Danish West Indies are formally turned over to the United States. The sale has been approved by the king and the papers are to be despatched Saturday. It is one of the largest real estate transactions of the year.

If San Francisco would not take the attitude of the peaved kid over the census figures which give Los Angeles the larger population, it would hit the situation off in a happier manner. Everybody knows the relative commercial importance of the two cities.

The Oregon man who went on a tour to see San Francisco's sights, having first put his roll of \$300 in his sock, and saw the sights but lost his roll, furnishes evidence that the bone-dry law up there has not worked universal regeneration yet.

The new half-dollar coins are to be turned loose next Tuesday. Generally the new coins have not made a hit with the public. But if the new four-bit piece shall show a disposition to circulate more freely there is little doubt that it will become a prime favorite.

It must be admitted that Thomas W. Lawson of Boston knows when the psychological moment arrives to start something. His famous uproar of ten years ago against the "system" is remembered, and now he recedes in a charge that state secrets "leak."

LaVerne Burton has brought suit to recover \$75,000 for the unauthorized use of her photograph, incorporated in a picture to advertise another actress. If the photograph is that valuable it might be thought that the principle would put it on the market herself.

A despatch is to the effect that "Carranza is to decide the fate of the joint negotiations." How decide the fate? Carranza seems unable to decide much of anything in Mexico. If he approves the recommendations of the joint commission it won't tranquillize very much of anything.

Los Angeles may brag about her population, but she will not insist on a discussion as to that snovarnat that fell in the city Christmas day. However, it was but a flurry and would not be considered in a snow country. It was the sixth time in forty years that Los Angeles had such a visitation.

Someone is estimating the wheat crop. It is considerably less than last year. Of course the crop is all in, but there is still a great chance to bet on it. The crop does not seem to be so much as controlling power of price as the war, which fact is not quite understandable, for men must eat whether they are soldiering or not.

A despatch from Samoa is to the effect that they are having the measles in Apia. This would seem a rather mild subject for a news despatch, but the measles in tropical countries is not so much a trivial matter as it is in temperate zones. But some of us are able to testify that measles is measles wherever the affliction occurs.

The frequency with which the probation fad gets rapped suggests that, like other fads to regenerate mankind, it is being run in the ground. The Governor, in pardoning a soldier who had been imprisoned for a statutory crime and prevented righting it by probation officers, inadvertently upon the fact in a way that shows his dissatisfaction.

Anybody who possesses a bug that will kill the beet-pest will save the growers a million dollars by trotting it forth. As such an insect does not appear to be forthcoming at home, an expedition is to proceed to Australia in search of one. It is singular, by the way, that some of the bugs that prey on pests originate in that antipodeal country.

The census is a sort of red rag to certain San Francisco exponents, especially when it treats of the population of a certain Southern California town. The only thing that they can see is symbolized by the fact that they seek to overcome by efforts to round up the populace adjacent. Really, there does not seem to be any necessity for a scare or a round-up.

Every little while some discovery is made of a new stress in cost on account of the war, but the disclosure that has put up the price of monkeys is about the strangest. The disclosure comes from Washington, where the simians are in demand for pathological experiments. The cause is attributed to the isolation of Hamburg, the world's principal animal market. A monkey now costs an average of \$18, which is more than double the cost of a year ago.

### SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

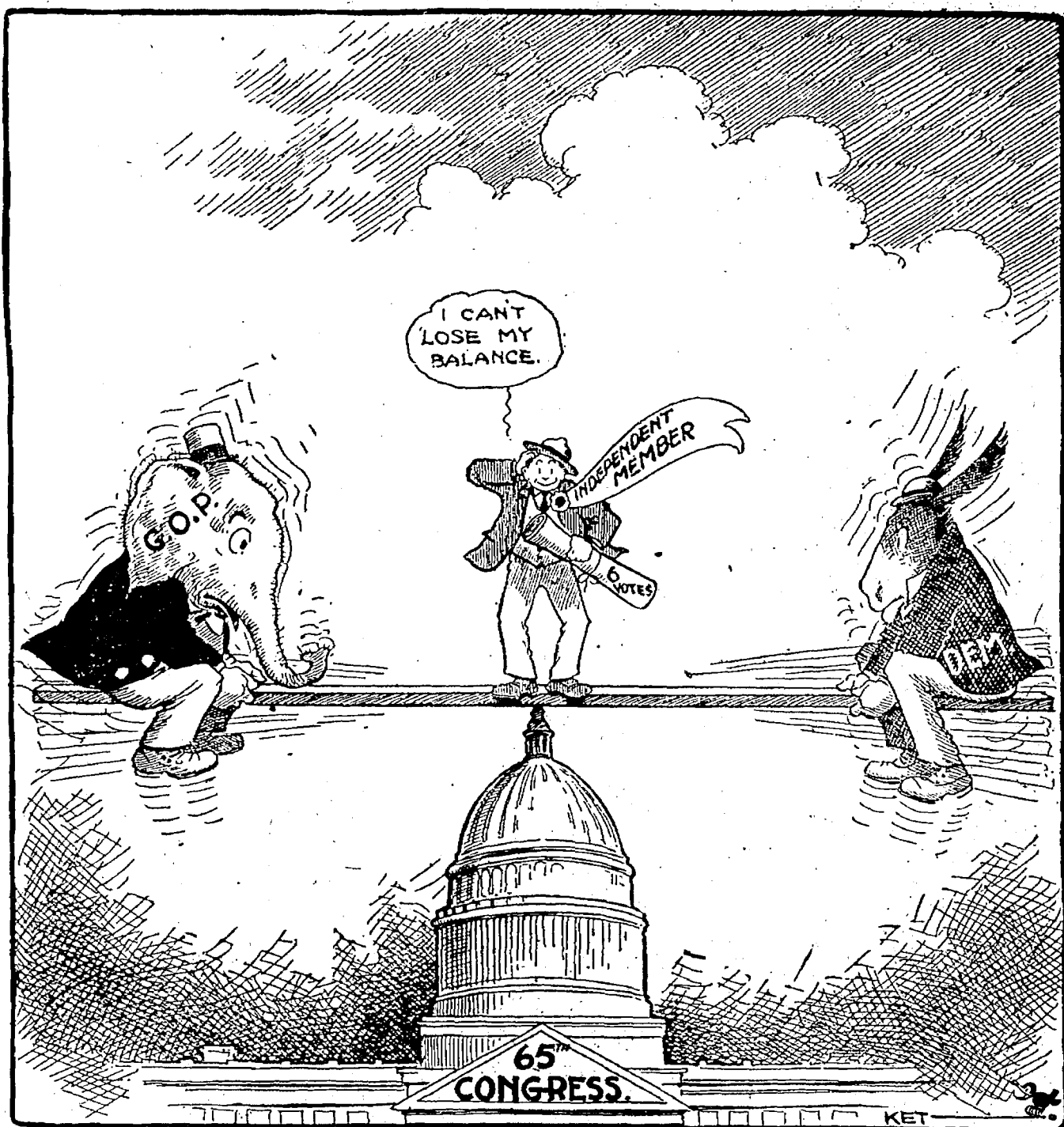
Ansel Mills Easton, Hillsborough millmound, has purchased 1200 acres of hill and valley land at the foot of Mt. Diablo, with the purpose to establish a stock "Blackhawk Stock Ranch" is the name it is to be known by, according to the Byron Times.

It is not likely that the Legislature will support the Fish and Game Commission in its plan to have protection removed from the blackbirds. The amount of damage done by rice-eating ducks and blackbirds is exaggerated. The former scoop up the rice that falls into the water, while the blackbirds, according to the agricultural authorities, devour insect pests by the million and thus more than earn what rice they eat.—Chico Enterprise.

### WORTH TAKING.

General Goethals says the United States should have complete sovereignty over the Panama Canal zone and make it a great free mart for the exchange of merchandise from all over the world. Then, he says, the canal would pay. That idea is worth talking about.—Buffalo Express.

## A SEESAW!



### THE FORUM

The Editor of The Tribune disclaims responsibility for opinions and statements expressed in this column. Brief contributions on current topics of general interest are welcome. They will not as a rule be printed unless accompanied by the name of the writer, which, if desired, will be withheld from publication.

#### OLD MEN FOR OFFICE BOYS.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

A recent TRIBUNE editorial discussed "Places for Old Men," a timely subject, confronted as we are at this world crisis by the economic problem of how best to use every available scrap of human energy. But what is an "old man," or, rather, when is a man old? Shakespeare's six stages, from his "mouling infant," and "schoolboy with the shining morning face," slide along so imperceptibly into the "lean and slippered pantaloon" that who shall say where youth ends and old age begins. The article had especial reference to business and clerical occupations, but, beginning at the very year when the portals of youth were being suddenly called comes more or less diminution of fitness for some calling or other. For instance, prizefighting, a still lawfully recognized and money making business, is no longer at its best after thirty. There then comes a certain showing of the flash-like electric message from brain to muscle. There is a thin fraction of time lost in nerve transmission. In another four or five years the efficiency is marked, and the champion becomes a "has-been" before some more youthful aspirant. There are other callings where that electric swiftness departs with youth. Indeed, it is said to be found lacking in messengers and office boys at a very early age. But can it be supplied by men past middle life, who, while their intellectual powers are at their height, would be suddenly called upon to jump at the angle of a desk bell, run messages, usher clients, close doors and so forth—men of fixed ways and habits and who may have been accustomed for years to be treated with deference, and to the giving instead of taking orders? It would generally be found that men of fifty or sixty years, who are crowded out of their fitting work by the overstocked employment market, would prove conspicuous failures when transformed into office boys.

Youth will not be denied—it appeals—it is the springtime of promise—it can be molded to the ideas of the employer. At the same time there is a mistaken tendency to turn down applicants for certain positions and employment, because they are no longer young. Much useful service is thus wasted, and forms an economic loss.

Editorial writers, as a rule, improve after fifty. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Col. Waterson and scores of able journalists have been known as old men for a quarter of a century, but I would be sorry to be burdened by either the colonel or the doctor, in the capacity of an office boy! I have in mind a man several years past seventy who is an acceptable and interesting contributor to several leading publications. They having no knowledge of his age, he jocularly poses as a young author, fired with youthful ambition; and, indeed, there is nothing in his writings to indicate the contrary.

I will not divulge the present writer's age, lest this letter be dropped in the waste basket, with a tolerant smile. Thanks to THE TRIBUNE for its timely and suggestive article.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.

#### TO CHECK MURDER BY GERMS.

Moved by the ease with which Arthur W. Waite, the murderer, obtained deadly germs from different laboratories in New York, a Brooklyn physician has framed a bill for the registration and supervision by the state of laboratories from which deadly germs are obtained. Persons who have murder in their hearts can usually find ways for letting it out, but society does well to erect as many safeguards as possible. Doctors will always claim easy access to deadly drugs and germs, but the record of what they take away may well be kept against a time of need.—Springfield Republican.

### STATE DIVISION REDIVIVUS

Mayor Woodman of Los Angeles has revived the agitation for division of the State of California, as appears by the following announcement in the Los Angeles Times, December 22:

"Mayor Would Split State.—Woodman Announces He'll Get Behind North and South California Plan.—Mayor Woodman announced last night that he is going to get behind a movement to divide the State. One of the chief of his reasons is that Los Angeles harbor would receive at Washington the proper consideration which it now fails to get because the northern portion of the State predominates. The Mayor said that southern California would naturally be a dry State and that the capital should be located not in Los Angeles but in some attractive smaller city like Pasadena.

"Southern California has a larger population than northern California and pays 65 per cent of the taxes, but 85 per cent is spent north of the Tehachapi, and that section bulks large in representation at Washington," he said. "If southern California were made into a State we would have two Senators and the proper number of Congressmen to look after our interests at the national capital."

"We are getting the worst of it as things are and will continue to do so as long as southern California allows northern California to get away with the chief benefits. There are a hundred reasons why the State should be divided, and a movement is on foot to submit the question to the voters. I believe it will carry."

General John F. Sheehan, who has been connected with the press of the State since 1865, has compiled an interesting account of the early day legislative attempts to divide California into two States, which develops the fact that such proposed division has been on the tapis for sixty-four years, and that a measure, to that effect passed two legislatures ago and buried in the archives of Congress. Following is General Sheehan's historical statement:

"The division of the State of California into two or three States has long been on the tapis. As early as 1852 the Legislature was asked to cut the Gordon knot, and again an attempt was made in 1853. Owners of large tracts of land in the southern

part of the State complained of the burden of taxation—that their valuable tracts of land were taxed heavily, while the miners of the northern section could hide their gold. In the Legislature a committee of thirteen, with Henry A. Crabb as chairman, considered the bill of R. N. Wood of San Francisco to set the southern counties apart, but the subject was laid on the table. In 1855, David F. Douglas of San Joaquin failed to put through a similar bill, and in 1856 John D. Cosby of Trinity county had a bill providing for three States, a northern, central and southern, the latter to be admitted with a slavery clause. All failed; but in the Legislature of 1859, which was controlled by the southern slavery element, the disunionists succeeded in passing a bill, being passed allowing six counties of the southern portion to depart and form a new State, providing the voters of that section favored it. But it does not appear that Governor Veller ever enforced that law, for on January 12, 1860, Governor Latham notified the Legislature in a special message that he had transmitted to President Buchanan a copy of the act of the previous Legislature relating to division. Daniel Rogers again brought up the question before that Legislature, and division was again adopted by both houses. But the authorities in the national capital were absorbed by greater questions; Lincoln was elected President, and the papers tending to create another slave State still sleep in the archives at Washington. In recent years the question of division has again appeared, but as long as the southland has a goodly representation in the lower house of Congress, one of the United States Senators, and frequently the governor and other State officers, there does not appear to be any serious demand for division. On this subject the Constitution of the United States reads as follows:

"New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union, but no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State, nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the consent of the legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress."

#### ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALLERS.

Little did Caspar Whitney dream when he invented the All-American football team what an endless bore he had inflicted upon mankind. He began a sort of endless chain which grows greater every year. No task of the hard-working sports editor is easier than to make up an All-American football team. From a hundred, more or fewer, eastern colleges he can select eleven players, and there you are.

Every other sports editor will choose a different team, but what's the odds? That only makes it more All-American. Any other system would fail to embrace all the young men on some one team. At present nearly every player stands somewhere on somebody's All-American team, and if not, he can readily make up a team and elect himself captain of it. Since no two experts ever agree, or have agreed, on eleven players for an All-American team, the frequently quoted description, "he played on the All-American football team" fails to impress discriminating readers.

It is like saying his wedding was handsome, or pretending you had a good time at the party where you nearly fainted from ennui. As all actors are stars, at least in their own estimation, so all football artists feel entitled to a place on an All-American team, and, thanks to a generous host of sporting writers, their young ambition is hardly ever blighted.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

#### NO DEAD LINE, THE FIT SURVIVE

With the Kaiser awarding the chief credit for the Rumanian campaign to Hindenburg, 69 years old, the London Daily Mail's recent attacks on Mr. Balfour on the ground that he is too old to be of political service seems odd. Mr. Balfour is but 68.—Springfield Republican.

#### TODAY 20 YEARS AGO.

At Lorin hall, Sunday evening, the Portuguese Union of California had a council placed on its list. F. L. Lemos, supervisor, presided.

The contested election case in the First supervisorial district between F. C. Jarvis and Thomas D. Wells, came up this morning in Judge Frick's court on a recount of the ballots cast at the election last month.

The final meeting of the present Board of Supervisors was held this morning and all the members were present. That there is a strong probability that the First Christian Church and the Central Christian Church will be united under one pastorate.

"I'M SORRY, I WAS WRONG."  
There may be virtue in the man Who's always sure he's right, Who'll never hear another's plan And seek for further light; But I like more the chap who sings A somewhat different song; Who says who he has messed up things.

"I'm sorry, I was wrong."  
It's hard for any one to say That failure's due to him— That he has lost the fight or dimly Because his lights burned dim. It takes a man aside to throw The vanity that's strong, Confessing, "Twas my fault, I know, I'm sorry; I was wrong."

And so, I figure, those who use This honest, manly phrase, Hate it too much their way to lose On many future days. They'll keep the path and make the fight, Because they do not long To have to say—when they're not right—"I'm sorry; I was wrong."  
—Chicago Evening Post.



## PLANS COMPLETE TO WELCOME 1917

### 'QUIET UNTIL MIDNIGHT' IS NEW SLOGAN

Beginning of New Day and New Year Will See the Start of Big Carnival in Oakland; Sunday Decorum Before

Holiday Spirit to Be Shown in Quieter Way Than Formerly, in Observance of Big Day; "Messiah" Is Feature

"Quiet Until Midnight" is the slogan which the Citizens' Festival Committee, under whose auspices the New Year's Eve celebration is to be given in the Municipal Auditorium next Sunday evening, has adopted. In accordance with the proclamation which Mayor John L. Davis has issued concerning the event. There will be no street carnival on Sunday night, the occasion being observed through a dignified celebration.

Chief of Police Walter J. Petersen has instructed the officers of his department that drinking will not be permitted in the Oakland cafes on the last day of the year. This is in accordance with the spirit of the proclamation issued by Mayor Davis today, which reads as follows:

"To the People of the City of Oakland: New Year's Eve this year comes on a Sunday, and for that reason it is desirable that the people of this city should celebrate the occasion in an appropriate and dignified manner—in keeping with the day on which it falls. To the end that the old carnival spirit, with its accompaniment of tin horns, feather dusters, serpentine and confetti, be eliminated on this Sunday evening, the slogan has been adopted "Quiet Until Midnight," and you are hereby requested to join in the unique and fitting program which has been arranged in conformity with this slogan."

The rendition of "The Messiah," together with a program of holiday music, in the Oakland Auditorium, New Year's Eve, provides a means to this end. It is requested that the people of Oakland remember that New Year's Eve this year falls on Sunday, and it is requested that no street carnival be held in this city on that day to celebrate the event.

**TO HONOR BELL.**  
Plans have been completed for the "Spanish Bell Luncheon" at Hotel Oakland at noon tomorrow, when members of the Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce and several hundred business and professional men of the city will honor the oldest known dated Christian bell in the world. The bell will arrive in Oakland shortly before noon tomorrow under the escort of a detachment of Boy Scouts, under command of H. Richards Wilson, Oakland Scout Executive.

Members of the festive committee will meet the two motor cars at Lake Merritt, where a short ceremony will take place. This will include the singing of hymns by a score of choir boys in vestments. Members of the festive committee will meet the two motor cars at Lake Merritt, where a short ceremony will take place. This will include the singing of hymns by a score of choir boys in vestments.

George B. Sheldon will be chairman of the day at the luncheon, which is to be held in the Ivory bellroom. A musical program will be given under the direction of Alexander Stewart, who is to direct the chorus of 400 in its rendition of "The Messiah" at the Auditorium Sunday night. Miss Juana Miller will recite a poem which she has written and dedicated to the bell.

Members of the Citizens' Festival Committee, who will serve the reception committee are Dr. Joseph Loran Pease (chairman), George Cummings, J. J. Rosborough, A. E. Carter, A. S. Lavenon, V. O. Lawrence, Rev. A. W. Palmer, Rev. Francis J. Van Hook, Dr. E. H. Bitterman, W. N. Jenkins, S. B. Biddle, J. R. Munsell, J. F. Smith, Dr. Minora Kibbe, Louis Aber, A. Jonas, Wilbur Walker, Mrs. A. W. Foskey, Alexander Stewart, U. E. Graves and Miss Bessie J. Wood. Rosamine Meyers and F. Ward are assisting Sheldon in arranging the details of the luncheon program.

Rain did not keep a good crowd from the auditorium of the First Congregational church to hear Redford Mason lecture on "The Messiah" last night. Mason gave a critical talk on Handel's oratorio. It was illustrated with selections from the oratorio, sung by Zilpha Ruggles Jenkins, soprano; Blanche Hamilton Fox, contralto; Hugh J. Williams, tenor; and Henry L. Perry, bass. The soloists who will sing at the Sunday night festival, Walter Handel Threlley gave a short organ recital, and the audience participated in a responsive reading taken from the text of "The Messiah."

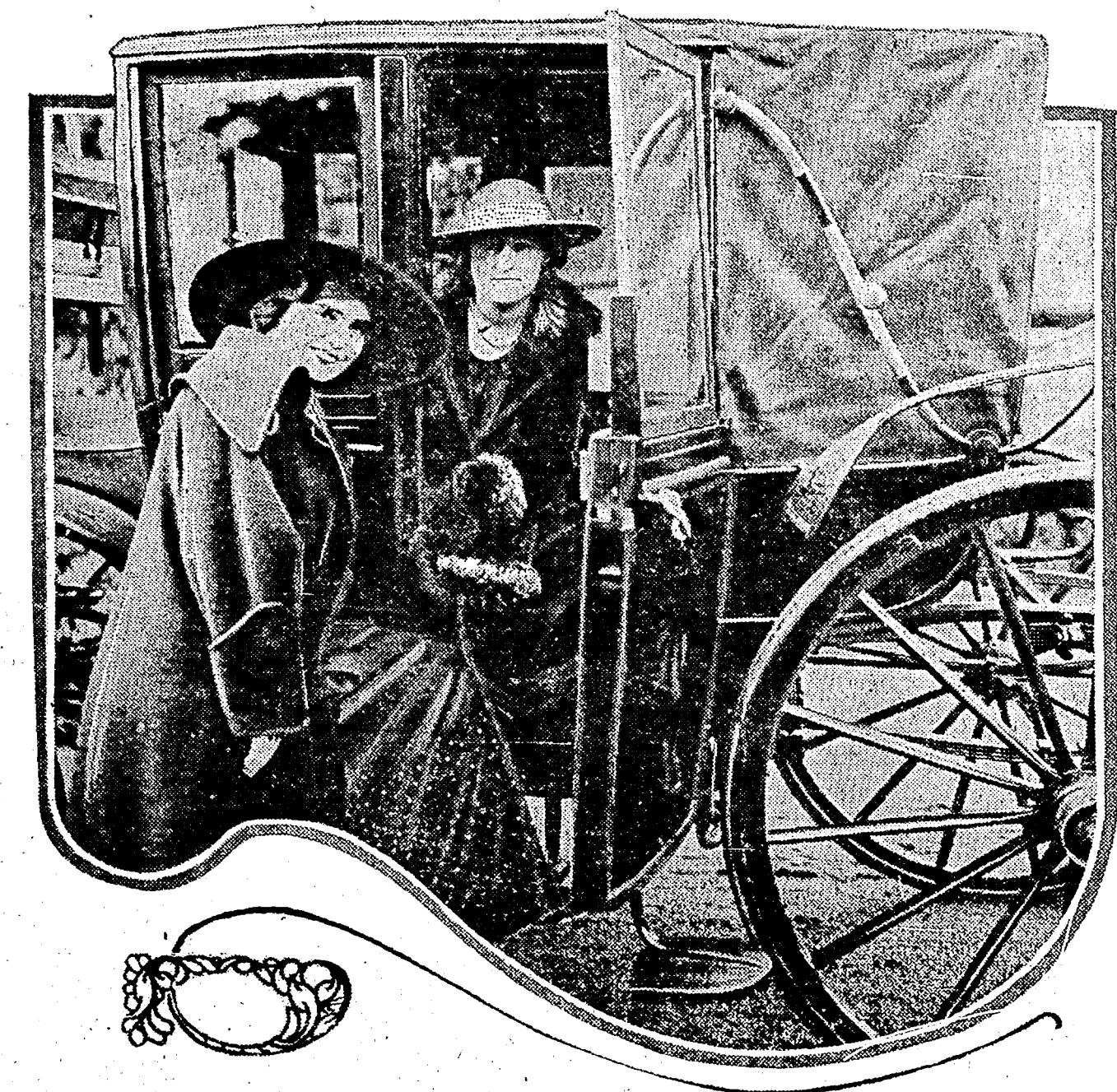
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### City's Past Will Be Contrasted With Present in New Year Fete



MISS ALLIE FLASHMAN (LEFT) AND MISS BETSY PERRY CARROLL IN THE ANCIENT LANDAU IN WHICH TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE RIDDEN. THE VEHICLE WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PARADE.

### SLEUTH CHECKS BOARD MEETINGS

Detective, on Stand in the McKeever Trial, Tells of Investigations.

The testimony of Detective Ed Swanson occupied the attention of the jury today in the trial of Miss Genevieve McKeever, accused by the district attorney of malfeasance in office. Swanson, under the examination of District Attorney Hynes, detailed his many visits to the Hall of Records for the purposes of checking off the attendance of the members of the Board of Education.

It is the testimony of Swanson that will determine the case for the prosecution. Hynes has yet to offer into evidence the record books of the board, showing the minutes of the meetings, which are the basis of the present case. The lobby today showed a smaller attendance, especially of women. The defense has already won a decided advantage in the rulings of Superior Judge Frank B. Ogden. The court has already hinted at possible instructions to the jury which are not hostile to the defendant, and on several occasions has supported the position of the attorneys for Miss McKeever relating to the admissibility of evidence and the interpretation of its effect on the case.

It is probable that the trial will occupy the balance of the week. representative of Lloyd's, today called the London office, asking if the \$10,000 Columbia "Throne Naughty Daddies" Hippodrome "Ship Ahoy" T. & D. Lou Tellegen in "The Victoria Cross." Franklin—Frank Keenan in "The Ship Ahoy." Reliance—"The Fall of a Nation."

**What is going TONIGHT**

Fitchburg Social and Improvement Club meets, 7227 East Fourteenth street. Christmas celebration for children, Alameda Elks Clubhouse. Orpheum—Bankoff and Girls, and variety. Macdonough—"Garden of Allah." Pantages—George Perlmire's minstrels and vaudeville. Bishop—"Jerry." Columbia—"Throne Naughty Daddies." Hippodrome—"Ship Ahoy." T. & D.—Lou Tellegen in "The Victoria Cross." Franklin—Frank Keenan in "The Ship Ahoy." Reliance—"The Fall of a Nation."

**What is going TOMORROW**  
Art exhibit, Auditorium.

### Splendid Pageant Will Welcome 1917

Interesting bits of early Oakland life will pass in review in the big progress parade which is to be the main feature of the outdoor New Year's celebration, which takes place next Saturday evening under the auspices of the Merchants' Exchange and the various civic, commercial and fraternal organizations of the city. The parade is designed as a New Year's demonstration and will show aspects of Oakland's past which even old-timers have forgotten. The first street car, the first wagon used in the city, the first sewing machine, the oldest inhabitant—all these will appear in the line of march, headed by the historic old landau of P. M. Smith, which carried President McKinley in 1901, driven by August Carlson, who handled the reins at that time.

Chris McNamara, who acted as coachman on that occasion, will again occupy the box. The palanquin will be guarded by the tallest policeman in Oakland.

**TO RECALL PAST.**  
Among the other old-time exhibits which will appear in the progress parade, is the first fire engine which did duty in the city; the oldest living volunteer fireman, with his early California "costume and iron hat; Oakland's first street sweeper; the earliest baker; the oldest butcher and the earliest type of automobile.

To symbolize the coming of 1917 each exhibit exhibited will be paired with one of the latest modern type. The parade will form at Fifteenth and Washington streets, and pass over the main downtown streets as far south as Elgin street. It will be headed by Mayor John L. Davis, followed by city commissioners and various prominent personages. Harry S. Williams, president of the Merchants' Exchange and chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration, will act as grand marshal.

The parade will be under an escort of police, boy scouts, fraternal drill teams and other marching organizations. The city itself that night will be en fete for the merry making which is to officially usher in the New Year. On the City Hall, huge scintillators will make the giant shaft a column of light visible in all parts of the bay.

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### THREE SUSPECTS HELD AS THIEVES

Police Have Number-Changing Gang, Believed by Detectives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—With the arrest this morning of a gang of three alleged automobile thieves, the police believe they have in custody the men responsible for the changing of numbers and the disposal of stolen machines in San Francisco covering a considerable period of time.

district. Bands at various important downtown points will supply concert music. A special concert will be given in the City Hall Plaza.

Flags and holidays greens are being hung about the city streets in anticipation of the event. Prepared for the rail-road companies, to bring out-of-town residents to Oakland for the night to take part in the big celebration.

The feature of the evening is the grand ball at the Oakland Auditorium. This affair, which is to be a democratic assembly, will be officially opened by Mayor Davis, who will lead the grand march.

Well known film stars who are living in the bay district will attend in person. Special music has been prepared and an elaborate scheme of holiday decorations prepared for the affair, which is designed as a colorful pageant of riotous merriment. During the ball, a peace pageant, in which the various nations of the world will be portrayed by beautiful young women, will be staged.

On New Year's Eve, Sunday night, the great "Messiah" of Handel will be given in the Oakland Auditorium by an augmented chorus of 500 voices, under direction of Alexander Stewart, director of the exposition chorus. This affair, which is of paramount interest to the eastbay musical world, will be attended by music lovers from all parts of the bay district.

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### CAMPAIGN IS PLANNED FOR POSTOFFICE

Draft of Bill Prepared by Secretary McAdoo to Appropriate \$1,000,000 for This City Is Published First Time

Action Doubtful on the Floor of House; Local Committee Is Named to Advise Congressman Elston of Needs

The TRIBUNE today publishes a letter transmitted to Congress by Secretary McAdoo relative to the proposed new Oakland postoffice. The secretary also suggests a draft of legislation necessary to carry out his recommendations, which is also published. At the last session of Congress the House committee on public buildings and grounds reported to the House an omnibus public building bill carrying a total appropriation of \$35,000,000, which included an item of \$500,000 for a new postoffice building on the present site in Oakland. This bill is still pending in the House and has not as yet been acted upon, although the members of the public buildings committee are hopeful of securing the adoption of a special rule which will make possible its consideration during the present short session of Congress, which terminates on the 4th day of March.

If the bill is put through under a special rule it is feared that it will be extremely difficult to increase the Oakland appropriation from the floor of the House. With practically every state in the Union included in the bill and with many sections disapproved with the amounts allowed, an amendment for one locality might open the door for hundreds of amendments. While many attempts have been made in past Congresses to amend omnibus public buildings bills from the floor of the House such efforts have generally been futile.

**ACTION DOUBTFUL.**  
Advice from Washington indicates that there is considerable doubt whether the public buildings bill will pass at this session, owing to the condition of the national treasury and the efforts being put forth for economy.

Congressman J. Arthur Elston is anxious to act for the best interests of Oakland, but is somewhat puzzled as to the best course to pursue considering the present status of the bill. Had the measure not already been reported from the committee on public buildings and grounds, of which committee Elston is a member, the recommendations of the secretary of the treasury could not have been embodied in the bill, but after an agreement had been reached in committee in conformity with the secretary's former recommendation the situation is somewhat complicated.

Should the omnibus bill pass the House in its present form it would go to the Senate and be considered by the Senate committee on public buildings and grounds. With the revised recommendation of the secretary of the treasury before that committee, it might be possible to amend the Oakland paragraph, the excuse being that since the bill was reported from the House committee the secretary of the treasury had personally been upon the ground, inspected the present site and taken note of Oakland's phenomenal growth, resulting in the recommendations that the present property be disposed of, a new location obtained and the appropriation increased to \$1,000,000.

**APPOINT COMMITTEE.**  
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### Bill Is Prepared Authorizes Purchase

A BILL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that so much of the public building act, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 869) as authorized the enlargement, extension, remodeling, rebuilding, reconstruction or improvement of the United States postoffice and custom house at Oakland, California, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to contract for the acquisition by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, of a new site, and for the erection and completion thereon of a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, mechanical equipment and approaches, coupled together with such mail handling apparatus, and so forth, as he may deem advisable, for the use and accommodation of the postoffice and other governmental offices at Oakland, California, at a cost of not exceeding \$1,000,000.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed, upon the completion and occupancy of said new building, to sell the present public building and the site thereof in Oakland, California, at such time, in such manner and upon such terms as he may deem advisable; to convey such property to the purchaser thereof by the usual quit-claim deed, and to deposit the proceeds of said sale in the treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

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### POTATOES TO BE SCARCE; CROPS SHORT

Tubers and Turnkeys to Be the Expensive Parts of Big New Year's Dinner; Dealers Forecast Many Sharp Increases

Produce Men Have Difficulty in Keeping in Stock; Holiday Birds Are in Heavy Demand; With But Few Coming in

New Year's dinners are likely to be lacking in turkeys and potatoes January 1, 1917, if predictions of produce dealers and a notable scarcity in the poultry market may be taken as indications of the higher cost of living. Wholesale dealers today were authority for the statements that tubers of all varieties were on the eve of a distinct advance in price, which might eventually reach 10 per cent higher than present quotations.

Scarcity at the growing grounds and an abnormal demand have brought about conditions in the potato market, according to produce men, which call for advanced prices.

Turkeys were few and far between today along Produce Row, and the entire poultry market suffered from small supply. Although quotations for dressed birds remained at high figures, with buyers but small supply. News from San Francisco was to the effect that turkeys were selling there for 35 cents in the wholesale market, which required a 40-cent retail figure in the retail markets and butcher shops. Oakland rotators were selling turkeys for 35 cents. Indications are present which lead dealers to believe that the shortage may continue.

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OTHER SEASONABLE GIFTS WELL DISPLAYED

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These contain space for a complete comparative record for five years.

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An extra sales force is employed this week.

Ready-to-Wear Section—Second Floor.

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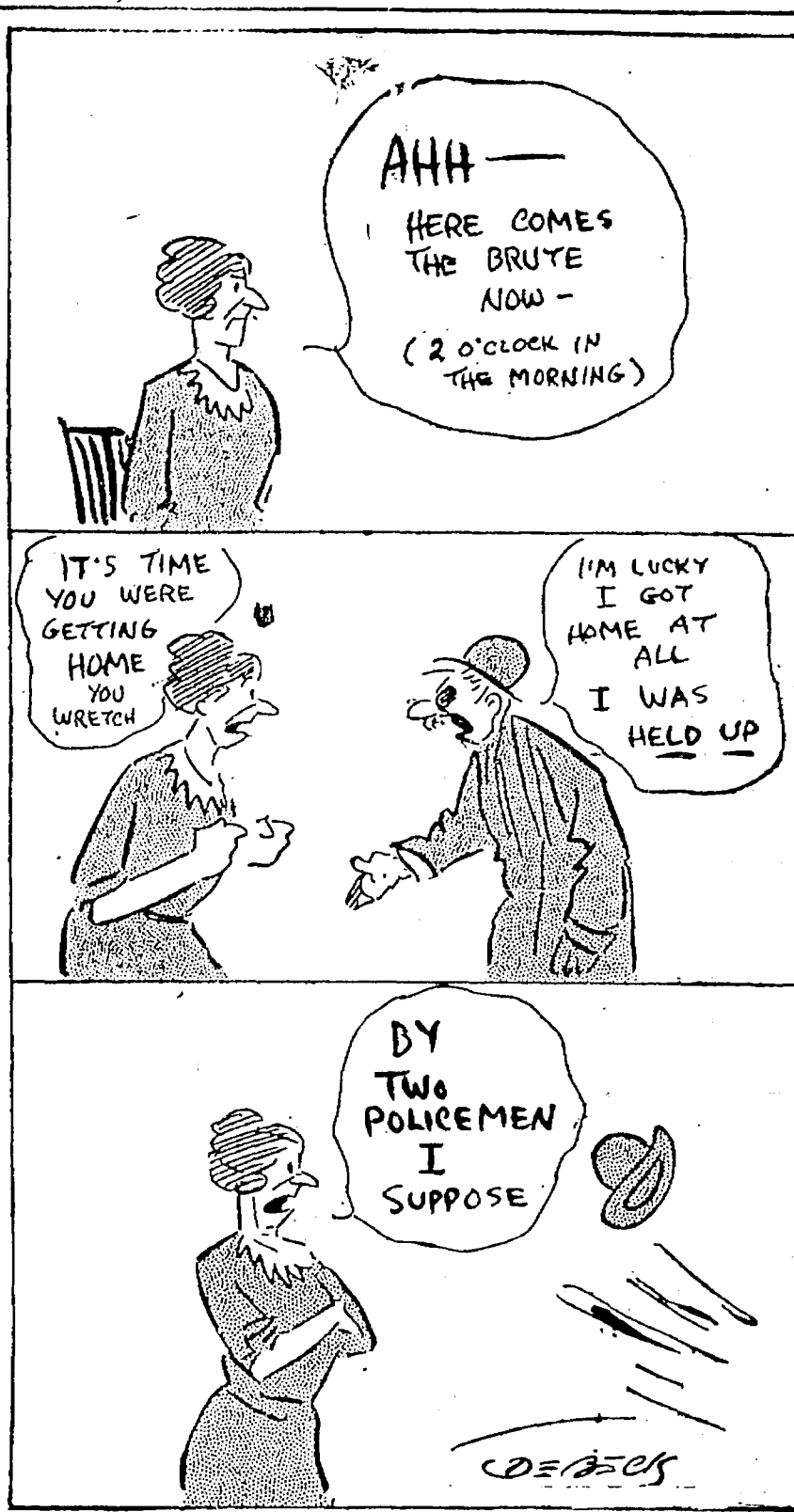
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CHILD'S nurse, country; \$40; cook, Pied. \$40; second maid, \$40; general maid, \$40; \$40; cook, country; \$40; gen. maid, \$40. Sacramento, 101. 115 Franklin, Lakeside 820.

COOK—Good family cook and well-trained second girl. Phone Oakland 727.

EXPER. young woman for cooking and housework; no washing; 3 in family; refs.; North Berkeley. Ph. Berk. 6317.

EXPER. girl for gen. h.w.; good wages; refs. Call 11 a. m. to 4 p. m., 1529 Clinton ave., Alameda. Phone Alameda 404.

GIRL to assist with general housework; no washing. 3115 Eton ave., near College and Woolsey. Pied. 3177-W.

GIRL for general housework; Swede or German. Box 1238.

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UNHAPPY GIRLS will find a woman friend to advise and help them. Bookhurst Center, 120 McAllister st., Phone 557.

WOMAN; general housework; no family; washing; family 4; refs. desired; \$30. 2070 Magnolia, bet. Ashby-Webster, Berkeley.

WANTED—White girl for cooking and general housework at 132 Dracena ave., near Park Way; phone Piedmont 3667.

WANTED—A competent woman to care for 3-year-old baby; mother employed; home and small wages. Lakeside 4160.

WANTED—Young lady stenographer; nice easy position; \$15 week. Call 551 12th st.

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WANTED—Girl for general housework; good home. 5326 Miles ave.; Pied. 5549.

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WANTED—An elderly lady for companion, one in family. Box 123, 1235 Jefferson.

YOUNG girl wanted to assist; apply mornings, 2133 Webster st., Apt. H.

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ELDERLY woman or Chinese, Philippine boy; housework in exchange for home and small wages. 3917 Park Blvd.; ph. Merritt 1273.

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ANYTHING—Reliable young man wants work; reference and bond, 1397 E. 28th street.

ANYTHING—Wanted, work by college boy, willing to work; good references. Phone Oakland 1238.

ANYTHING—Young man, willing work, or wants work. Ask for Frank, Phone Oakland 4617.

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DAY WORK—Japanese boy wishes work; cleaning by day or hour. Phone Lakeside 4120.

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CARETAKER—Young girl wishes to care for children during day. Phone Oakland 3556 for Florence.

COOK, general housework; first-class ref.; \$40. Phone Oakland 4405.

DAY WORK—Young woman wants day work, cooking, wait on table and housework. Berkeley 7827-W.

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HOUSEWORK—Good cook, small family, young colored girl; \$25 to \$30; ref. O. 4405.

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Piedmont home 6 rooms, complete; furn.; \$60 per month. Pled. 680V-7.

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baths; cost \$2200; furnished.  
MITCHNER & CO., 1300 B. BLOCK.

A ROOMING house of 16 rooms; good  
condition; sacrifice, cash and terms  
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EXTRAORDINARY values in second-hand and floor samples, cash or credit. White Sewing Machine Co., 533 14th st., phone Oakland 1122.

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**TYPEWRITERS.**

SPECIAL rent, 3 mos., \$5; Underwood Remington, L. C. Smith; free del. L. L.

**Pioneer Foud Dred  
Frozen, Is Believed**

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 28.—(By Ash, a pioneer of Perkins county) was found four miles from his home, frozen to death, after an all-night search. Lydine, shortly before

[illegible]



By H. A. MacGILL

## Creator of the Hall-Room Boys



States and in and for the Northern District of California.

On the matter of Joseph L. D. Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Court, the undersigned Receiver of the estate of the above named Bankrupt, will sell at private sale a certain lot of real property situated in the County of the above named Bankrupt, to-wit:

A certain lot of groceries, store fixtures, ice box, National cash register and scales.

Said property may be inspected at the store formerly occupied by said Bankrupt, at Alameda Avenue, San Francisco, California, on Saturdays from the 30th of December, 1916, between the hours of two and four o'clock P. M.

Witness my hand and seal of property, this 27th day of December, 1916, at San Francisco, California, at the office of the Dean Law

California, and at the rooms of the Hotel California, 444 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

Terms of sale are as follows:

All bids must be in writing, addressed to the undersigned, and delivered to the undersigned, deliver, at his address below given, before the 3rd day of January, 1911, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. A deposit of ten per cent of the bid, in lawful money of the United States or a certified check, must accompany each bid.

The Receiver reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Court. Sale is for cash in United States

Blids must be opened and referred to the Court for confirmation on the 3rd of January, 1917, at two o'clock P. M. at the office of Wm. J. Hayes, 704 U. S. Savings Bank Building, Oakland, for a.

For further information see  
W. E. DEAN  
Receiver of the Estate of Jos. L. N.  
303 Bacon Bldg., Oakland, Cal.; or  
Oakland 48.

In the District Court of the U. S. States in and for the Northern District of California.

In the matter of Alvin L. Calvert, t

Said property may be inspected at a store formerly occupied by said E. E. Bankrupt at 1616 Twelfth street, Oakland, California, between the hours of two and four P. M., on the 2nd day of January, 1917.

An inventory of said property may be seen at the office of the Dean Law Collection Co., 303 Bacon Bldg., Oakland, California.

Terms of sale are as follows: All bids must be in writing, addressed to the Receiver, and delivered to the Receiver at his address below given, on or before the third day of January, 1914, at 10 o'clock P. M. The successful bidder shall pay in cash the sum of ten per cent of the amount in lawful money of the United States to the Receiver of the check must accompany his bid.

The Receiver reserves the right to reject or refuse to accept any bid, subject to the confirmation of the Court. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash in United States gold or silver coin, payable at the time the sale is confirmed.

Bids must be opened and referred to the Court for confirmation on the 3rd day of January, 1914, at 10 o'clock P. M., at the office of Wm. W. Taylor, Receiver in Bankruptcy, 704 Tenth Street, San Francisco, Cal.

W. E. DEAN  
Receiver of the Estate of Alvin L.  
ver, 303 Bacon Bldg., Oakland,  
phone Oakland 48.

In the District Court of the U.  
States in and for the Northern Dis-  
trict of California.

In the matter of A. S. Lionetti, tr-  
rupt.

Notice is hereby given that in  
pursuance of an order of the court  
the undersigned Receiver of the Es-  
tate of the above named Bankrupt, will  
sell at public sale certain lot, parcel  
of property belonging to the above  
named bankrupt, to-wit: Studebaker  
Automobile Delivery Car, No. 102  
Sixth and Broadway, Oakland, also a  
tish stock of groceries.

Said property may be inspected a-  
t any time by Mrs. J. & Co.,  
Clay street, Oakland, Calif.

An inventory of said property has  
been filed at the office of the Dean Law  
Collection.

Terms of sale are as follows:  
All bids must be in writing, addressed and delivered to the undersigned receiver, at his address above, before the third day of January, 1917, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., at the deposit of ten per cent of the amount offered. If a certified check, must accompany each bid.  
The Receiver reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Court, and is payable at the time the sale is confirmed.  
Bids must be opened and referred to the Court for confirmation on the 3rd day of January, 1917, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., at the office of J. W. Hayes, Referee in Bankruptcy, 704 U. S. Savings Bank Bldg., Oakland, California.

Receiver of the Estate of A. S. LLOYD  
Bankrupt, 303 Bacon Bldg., Oak-  
land, Cal.; phone Oakland 48.

**DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERS**  
The partnership of  
S. BRENNAN, under name Purly Mfg.  
Supply Co., has dissolved.  
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 1918.

C. A. JOHNSON  
S. BRENNAN.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**  
The regular annual meeting of  
stockholders of the Central Savings  
Bank of Oakland will be held at the  
office of the Association, Northeast  
Fourteenth Street, Oakland, Cal.,  
on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 2 o'clock  
P. M. for the purpose of electing a  
Board of Directors and transacting such  
business as may properly come before  
meeting.

A. J. MOUNT, Cashier.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**  
The regular annual meeting of  
stockholders of the Central Savings  
Bank of Oakland, will be held at the  
office of the corporation on Tues-  
day, January 9th, 1917, at 3 o'clock P. M.  
for the purpose of electing a Board of  
Directors and transacting such other  
business as may properly come before  
meeting.

H. C. SAGEHORN,







### New Trials Ordered Upon Two Convictions

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—On the ground that instructions to the jury had been erroneous the Oregon Supreme Court has set aside the verdicts against William Branson and Mrs. Anna Booth, convicted separately in Yamhill county on charges of having slain the woman's husband, William Booth, October 8, 1915. As additional ground for the reversal in Mrs. Booth's case the Supreme Court held that error had been committed in the introduction of evidence. New trials were ordered.

Booth was found dead on the bank of a river and after the tragedy witnesses testified they had seen Branson and Mrs. Booth in that vicinity. The theory of the prosecution was that Booth discovered the two at a

### James P. Dunne Dies in Doctor's Office

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—James P. Dunne, for many years proprietor of the cafe at 1 Stockton street, died suddenly of a stroke of apoplexy while consulting Dr. Theo Rethers in the latter's office. He had not been supposed to be seriously ill.

Dunne was born in Philadelphia fifty-nine years ago, but had lived in this city since early childhood.

He is survived by a widow, two brothers, Thomas E. Dunne and Judge Frank H. Dunne of the Superior Court, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Orr and Mrs. Mary Gungster, all of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

clandestine meeting and that Branson killed Booth.

### BILL THE EFFULGENT WILL BATTLE DEVIL ON BROADWAY



**Beware, Mr. Satan, There's Trouble Ahead for Your Demomship.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are lining up here today for the case of Billy Sunday versus Broadway, Wall Street, Bohemia, et al., which goes on trial April 1.

What sort of reception Sunday and his old-time shouting Methodist camp meeting style will get in the world's gayest, richest, wickedest, most material city is the subject of much speculation among the residents. He will be the biggest attraction the Old Town has seen for years, and it is predicted that great mobs will literally fight to get near his giant tabernacle.

temple for the spiritually unwashed, are well under way. Soon it will rear its rough hewn dome above the upper Manhattan hinterland of that great and gay white way, whose gleaming searchlights ever beckon the pleasure-lorn from the far four corners of the earth.

Here will be Broadway, Citadel of Champagne and home of the Sinful Supper.

Wall Street, whose hallmark is Midas shearing a lamb.

AND MORE FOR BILL.

Bohemia, with its looseleaf ledger weddings, its lavender souls and sun god cults.

The slums, steeped in squalor and



It will be a battle royal; and preparations are being made accordingly. Billy and Broadway have been sparring for position for several years, and now at last the evangelist is coming to fight the devil in his own home town.

Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you find that what Cyclone Davis calls the "boys of booze and bottle" are not asleep.

BILLY IS READY.

The belligerent Billy, though busy with Boston, is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of Sundayites are organizing the Big Town. On January 14 a brigade of

degradation, from which uptown respectability distills pure gold.

The home of the gunman with his regular scale of murder prices and of the painted lady who drives her limousine and reckons her income in six figures. All these and more are here for Sunday to deal with.

Honour Rede Heaver, Sunday's choir director, expects to organize a double choir of 8,000 to 10,000 voices.

George G. Dowie will lead the prize trail hitters from Philadelphia and elsewhere, some of them having been converted seven years ago. These will be used to prove that Sunday conversions are not "flash in the pan" work.

Nothing is being left undone to pave the way for Sunday's triumphant



the evangelist's most remarkable trail hitters from every city he has invaded will march on the metropolis and take it by storm. This is one of many of the preliminaries calculated to create atmosphere for Billy's coming.

"Billy Sunday, Incorporated," with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as one of the principal stockholders, is officially in existence in New York City. Plans for the erection of the mammoth tabernacle, the great pine and sawdust

advance upon New York; nor, on the other hand, is anything left undone to circumvent his effort.

### NATIONAL BANK ASSETS ARE BIG

Increase in Resources in the Past Two Years Is Four Billions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Resources of national banks of the United States, Controller Williams announced last night, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the last two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National Bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call, November 17, the controller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent a year during the last two years, as compared with 6 per cent a year for the ten-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present more than double what they were ten years ago.

The greatest percentage of increase, the controller states, during the two-year period in which the Federal Reserve system has been in operation was in the western states, geographically, the increase was as follows:

New England, 22 per cent; Eastern States, 39 per cent; Southern States, 32 per cent; Middle Western States, 31 per cent; Western States, 50 per cent; Pacific States, 33 per cent.

Between September 12 and November 17 (last two bank call dates) resources of the national banks of New England and Eastern States increased \$44,000,000. The increase in resources for the West and South for the same period was \$64,000,000. The percentage of increase in the New England States was 3.36; Eastern States, 6.81; Southern States, 16.98; Middle Western States, 11.78; Western States, 11.78; Pacific States, 7.87.

### Don't Suffer From Piles

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will give relief, and a single box often will cure a bad case of piles in plain wrapper if you send us coupon below.

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### 4 Per Cent Savings Dividend Central Savings Bank of Oakland

has declared a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum for the half year ending December 31, 1916, on all savings deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Tuesday, January 2, 1917.

Dividends not called for are added to and bear the same rate of interest as the principal, from January 1, 1917.

Deposits made on or before January 10, 1917, will draw interest from January 1, 1917.

CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK OF OAKLAND  
H. C. SAGEHORN, Cashier.

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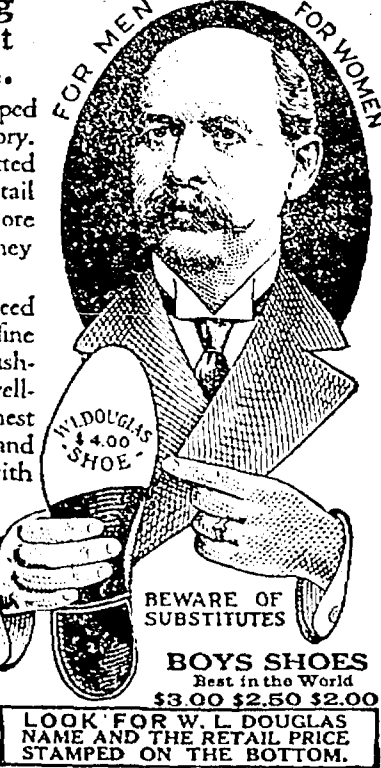
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## COATS SUITS DRESSES

At prices never equaled in Oakland. Gould, Sullivan & Co. are in a hurry to dispose of this stock so as to show Gould, Sullivan styles for Spring.



## Hundreds of Smart Coats

- Lot 1 "The Greater" sold these Coats at \$15.00. Now Gould, Sullivan & Co., desiring to close them out in a hurry have reduced them to Five Dollars. Some are in tweeds, others mixtures; all in the latest flare or belted models. **\$5.00**
- Lot 2 "The Greater" sold these Coats at prices up to \$22.50. They consist of Check Wool Velours, Meltons and Plaids. Gould, Sullivan & Co. have made one price to cover the lot—for quick selling—viz: \$7.50 **\$7.50**
- Lot 3 "The Greater's" prices for these Coats were up to \$29.50. Pebble Cheviots, Broadcloths, Tweeds and Mixtures. Gould, Sullivan & Co.'s Disposal Sale Price is Ten Dollars. **\$10**

- Lot 4 "The Greater" sold these Coats as high as \$35.00. Now Gould, Sullivan & Co. are closing them out at Fifteen Dollars. They comprise Wool Velours, Wool Plushes, Pebble Cheviots and Zibelins. **\$15**
- Lot 5 Here are Coats which "The Greater" sold up to \$50. High grade Wool Velours and Broadcloths, with large fur Collars—Gould, Sullivan & Co.'s Sale Price now is. **\$19.75**

## All of "The Greater's" Dresses

- These Dresses at Twelve Dollars are a fine lot of Serges, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines and Charmeuse. "The Greater's" prices were up to \$35.00. **\$12**
- Gould, Sullivan & Co. offer this lot of smart Dresses at Fifteen Dollars, although "The Greater" sold them up to \$40. The materials are Serges, Taffetas and Charmeuse. **\$15**

## Every Suit Sacrificed

- Gould, Sullivan & Co. will close out every Suit in the house—none of The Greater's stock will be reserved. Attractive Suits in Poplins and Serges, which The Greater sold at \$25.00 will be in this Sale at— **\$10**
- Velvets, Broadcloths, Serges, Poplins and Wool Velours, trimmed with Beaver, Opossum and Seal. Suits that The Greater sold up to \$65—now to be closed out by Gould, Sullivan & Co. at this one, sensationally low price— **\$15**

NOTE:—Owing to the unusual price reductions and the rush of business during this Sale of the Greater's stock, we find it impossible to send goods on approval or make exchanges. No goods charged and no refunds. GOULD, SULLIVAN & CO.

### Attorneys Lose Appeal; Are Held in Contempt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Theodore A. Bell and George Lezinsky, attorneys, have lost their legal fight to escape punishment for contempt of court of which they were indicted last July by Judge Superior Judge George A. Sturtevant. Bell must pay a fine of \$10 or serve 30 days in the county jail and Lezinsky must pay \$25 or suffer the same confinement. The State Supreme Court decided against the attorneys, who had appealed from the judgment of Judge Sturtevant.

Bell and Lezinsky got at cross purposes with Judge Sturtevant in connection with the Toby Funkenstein estate. A judgment quieting title to some realty of the estate prohibited certain litigants from further legal attack. An appeal was taken from this judgment, and this is still pending. Defying this injunction, Bell and Lezinsky, representing Arturo and Julia Wolf, filed new suits against the estate. The contempt proceedings followed.

The State Supreme Court was not unduly desirous of upholding the verdict of Judge Sturtevant. The main opinion was written by Associate Justice Sloss and concurred in by Justices Shaw, Henshaw, Melville and Nelson. Chief Justice Angellotti and Justice Longan dissented. The Sloss opinion is that a prohibitory injunction cannot be stayed by appeal.

### Circus Man Is Sued for Dog-Eating Native

STOCKTON, Dec. 28.—A civil complaint has been filed in the court of Justice A. C. Parker by H. L. Amfenger of Stockton against Al G. Barnes, nationally known circus owner. The action is to recover \$218.45, which the Stockton man, a former Philippine constabular, claims that the circus man owes him for the dog-eating prophecies of an Igorote named Obom. The Igorote arrived here today.